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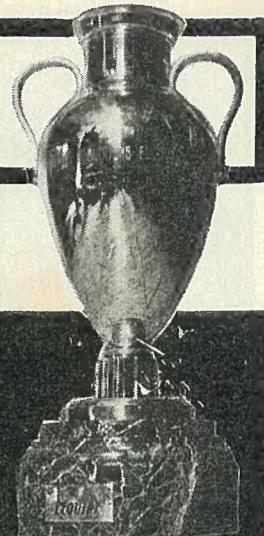


SAMMY McILROY
(Northern Ireland)



REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Previews of the three European Championship games to be played by two British teams and the Republic of Ireland next week . . .



SO FAR the score stands at West Germany 1 Wales 0 with three halved. Now one of the mightiest roars in the history of Welsh international football will rise into the night sky above Wrexham's Racecourse Ground if the determined Welshmen can win on Wednesday (May 2).

This is the tie on which Group Seven of the European Championship will hinge. So far, Wales have made maximum use of home advantage at Wrexham by beating Malta 7-0 and Turkey 1-0; West Germany were left furious and frustrated after being held 0-0 by the Maltese in Valetta . . . then failing to improve against Turkey in Izmir and again finishing 0-0.

'Standing by for a cracking game'

says Swansea's LEIGHTON PHILLIPS



Welsh keeper Dai Davies safely collects during the clash with Turkey.



If Wales now beat West Germany for the first time in five attempts, they will be totally in command of the group and heading for the Championship Quarter-Finals next year — just as they were the only British nation to qualify for the 1976 Quarter-Finals.

"If you are asking me whether we were a better side in 1976 or now, I would find it impossible to choose between us then or us now," says key central-defender Leighton Phillips. "What I will say — and this can only help us — is that most of us have three years' more experience in international football."

"That is where we score over the English and the Scots. They have more players to choose from and, inevitably, make more changes. Because our resources are so limited, we know each other's games inside out and I've never come across a national side with a better spirit."

Wales started playing West Germany in 1968 and drew 1-1 in Cardiff. That was the score again in 1969 in Frankfurt but then the Germans, revelling in their status as Champions of the world after their 1974 victory in Munich, came to Cardiff and won 2-0 in 1976.

Then Wales drew 1-1 with West Germany in Dortmund in 1977, a performance they have rarely bettered.

WALES v. WEST GERMANY

Racecourse Ground, Wrexham. Wednesday, May 2nd

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Wales.....	2	2	0	0	8	0	+8	4
Turkey.....	3	1	1	1	2	2	-3	3
W. Germany	2	0	2	0	0	0	-	2
Malta.....	3	0	1	2	1	8	-8	1

Now the chance comes again with Wales brimming with confidence and the West Germans staggering under the humiliation of failing to even score a goal against Malta and Turkey. This time will it prove to be an historic victory for the Welsh?

"We have a great chance," says Phillips, now using his First Division experience with Aston Villa and the background of 39 internationals to create a new era of success for Swansea City. "The Germans seem to be struggling at present and we must make the

most of this opportunity."

This time Wales must go for a victory before they launch into their own three match away programme. The main goal thrust will come from Phillips' brilliant teammate at the Vetch Field, Alan Curtis, who is now one of the most 'wanted' strikers in British football.

"His play now is simply tremendous," praises Phillips. "His pace and skill with the ball at his feet is exhilarating to watch. The way in which he can shield a ball; then turn with it and beat a man is a gift that belongs to so few."

"He came back into the side after injuries, started scoring again straight away and has carried on with one entertaining display after another. People do not realise just what kind of problems Alan has had to overcome to play as well as he is now."

"Really, he needed to recover after playing a game before facing the next one. But, with the backlog of fixtures, that just hasn't been possible. Yet, despite it all, he has proved himself a winner in game after game."

"That injury caused Alan to miss our matches against Malta and Turkey. Now he is fit again; we are in a mood of tremendous determination and great ambition . . . so stand by for a cracking game at the Racecourse!"

I was injured when Wales drew 1-1 with us in Germany in 1977, and could only watch the game, but I feel I have seen enough to form a reliable opinion about them. I made my international debut against them in 1974, when we won 2-0. Clearly they are typically British, or English in style, which is not surprising because I know most of the Welsh players are with English clubs. Generally

'We must beware of Welsh aerial domination'

says KARL-HEINZ RUMMENIGGE of Bayern Munich

the Welsh are very hard, but fair.

Overall, I think we can beat Wales in Wrexham, but it will not be easy. And it is clear the outcome of our two games with Wales will decide which of us goes into the last eight.

I feel pretty confident we will win our game at home, but we will need to be at our best in Wrexham. In any case I am looking forward to this match because playing in Britain is always very good experience for a player.

They play to an open style, which I like, and there are always plenty of goalmouth incidents. British football is a kind of fighting football, and I like it. Playing against the 'fighters' from Wales will give me a personal challenge that I look forward to. If I play well at Wrexham it will mean I have won the individual battle against my marker, and that always gives me a special thrill.

If there is one aspect of the game at which I expect Wales will be better than us, it is in the air. All British players are usually very good with their heads.

In the German team, our defenders are generally equal to the British at heading, with players like Rainer Bonhof, Manfred Kaltz and Bernard Dietz really excellent in this aspect of the game.

I think the Welsh strikers are better at heading than the average German. Here we have only Klaus Fischer and Klaus Toppmöller (from 1. FC Kaiserslautern) who regularly score goals with their heads. Heading in attack is perhaps the weakest point of the German game.

We were criticised heavily for our results in the World Cup, and generally I think this criticism was fair. Certainly our results were not good and in my opinion this was because overall we played with far too much caution.

This is not a criticism of Helmut Schoen, for in my opinion both he and our new manager Jupp Derwall are both thinking and working along the lines of Sepp Herberger who created the modern German game in the Fifties. It is only that we have now made some small tactical changes.

We started again after the World Cup, building a new team, and have had some very good results, and some exciting matches. We have not lost yet, although the 0-0 draw in Malta was a very cruel result for us. The pitch there was really terrible to play on. The 0-0 draw in Turkey was marginally more satisfying.

Our new team is very young and in fact there might be too many young players. Sepp Maier and Rainer Bonhof are the key men now, both very experienced, and the rest of the team looks to them for leadership. In spite of their relative inexperience the new team has done well and will be very good again in the 1980 European Championship and the 1982 World Cup.

Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (white shirt) in action for West Germany against Holland.



NORTHERN IRELAND v. BULGARIA

Windsor Park, Belfast. Wednesday, May 2nd



Steve Coppell narrowly misses for England v. Northern Ireland in February. Ron Greenwood's men won 4-0.



'We're going for a double'
says PAT RICE of Arsenal

ENGLAND beware! Northern Ireland plan to throw everything they've got at Bulgaria in their European Championship Group One match in Belfast on May 5th, and as a result, blast open the table yet again.

Ireland's Arsenal full-back Pat Rice believes anybody who sees this section going England's way is foolishly jumping the gun. And what's more he sees the visit of Bulgaria to Ulster as the turning point.

Those who point to Northern Ireland's 4-0 Wembley defeat at the hands of England on February 7th as a fair indication of how the Group One table will finish, will be quickly reminded by the confident Irish camp of a result on November 28 last year which sent shock-waves rippling across Europe from behind the Iron Curtain.

That was the night Danny Blanchflower's Ireland stunned Bulgaria by winning 2-0 in Sofia — a result England would certainly celebrate after their visit to this cold East European capital on June 6th.

"I missed that game," says Rice, "but by the time I'd finished talking to Pat Jennings and Sammy Nelson I realised the result was no fluke, no one-off result."

"Ireland went to Bulgaria and attacked. The Bulgarians were genuinely taken by surprise and as the game progressed, Ireland took gradual control."

"I expect Danny Blanchflower to adopt the same tactics in Belfast. I, for one, will be very surprised if we change our style of play at this stage of the European Championship."

Many people have asked what Blanchflower has done to achieve such good results with so small a basic squad. Rice put the whole situation in perspective.

"He gives us confidence and lifts all the pressures by saying we might as well lose 6-0 and attack and entertain, as lose 1-0 and bore everyone stiff."

"Danny wants players to express their abilities, not bottle them up. He believes football is all about skill, flair and entertaining the supporters. This is what players love to hear."

"Our match against Eire in Dublin was no easy affair. And we did very well to come away with a point. We went forward against Denmark and beat them after they'd given us trouble early on. Then the lads achieved that fine win in Bulgaria. The only disappointment was our 4-0 defeat at Wembley."

"But if you examine the goals we conceded, they all came from our attacking moves breaking down. We went to Wembley to win and we attacked from the start. But on the night the better side won, albeit more convincingly than they deserved to."

"But nothing will make us change our attacking style unless the manager decides so. I doubt if he will. Which means we will be battering away at Bulgaria from the outset. And our fans will add to the atmosphere and make it a difficult night for the Bulgarians."

Decisive?

England's current situation still makes them favourites to qualify for the Rome-based Finals in 1980. But Rice sees the Emerald Isle as the stumbling block on which England's ambitions may still crumble.

"In my opinion, England did well to get out of Dublin with a 1-1 draw back in October. And when Eire go to Wembley in February next year, that game could be very decisive . . . for all of us."

"Both Irish squads have very good players. Eire boast my teammates Liam Brady, David O'Leary and Frank Stapleton. Add to them Steve Heighway, Mickey Walsh, Gerry Daly, John Giles . . . all players capable of showing their quality at Wembley."

"Before that, England must come to Belfast where we get a return crack at them. And they know the result will not be a repeat of Wembley."

"No, if we complete the 'double' over Bulgaria, it's England who have the really tough games to play. This Group One is by no means finished."

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England.....	3	2	1	0	9	4	+5	5
N. Ireland	4	2	1	1	4	5	-1	5
Eire.....	3	0	3	0	4	—	4	
Denmark.....	4	0	2	2	2	9	-7	2
Bulgaria.....	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1

"WE have every chance to do well against Northern Ireland in Belfast and we plan to play an attacking game, looking for goals every time we get the ball. But of course we must not neglect the defence, which played rather badly when Ireland beat us 2-0 in Sofia."

In fact, if we are to keep our hopes of qualifying, and I think we can, then we must get at least a draw in Belfast, and I personally think we can win.

'Easier for us in Belfast'
says Bulgaria manager IZVETAN ILCHEV

When we met Northern Ireland in Sofia we were unlucky in several ways, because two of our key forwards, Mladenov and Stankov, weren't fully fit, not having really recovered from injuries.

Then again we almost gave away the two goals. The first one was as good as an own-goal with our right-back Grantcharov giving the ball to Armstrong. The second one was a mistake by our goalkeeper Goranov, who was very badly positioned.

But the game was played at the time of year that is not good for Bulgarian players and looking back we would have done better to arrange the game at a more suitable time for us.

It was only when Northern Ireland were leading 2-0 they really began to play with confidence, and this time we must hope we do not give them any presents.

In Sofia our players were under pressure from the fans to win, and I am sure my opposite number Danny Blanchflower and his players will be under similar pressure in Belfast. So that makes our task slightly easier.

But very importantly, our players know better now what to expect from Northern Ireland's players than they did in Sofia for many of them had not played against any British players before that match.

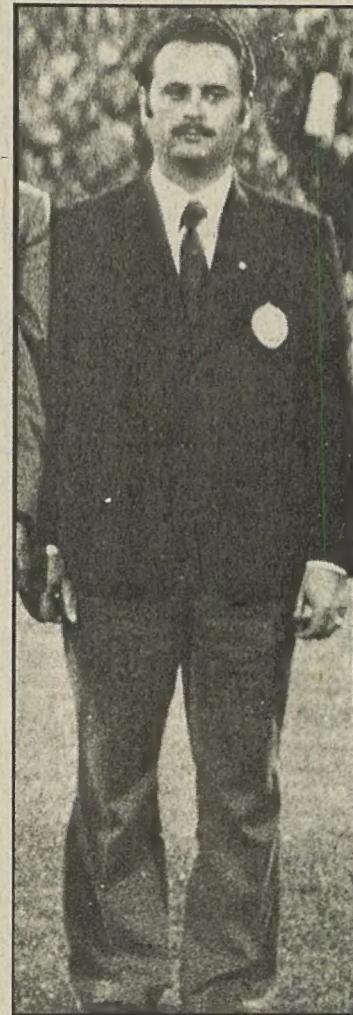
I know our fans were very interested to see Pat Jennings in Sofia, for he played really very well, and also Sammy McIlroy was also excellent.

Now it is up to us to show off Bulgarian football at its best to the fans in Belfast, and I think we can do it. Of course we have several key players, and usually, if they turn it on then the side plays well. Most important perhaps is our goalkeeper Rumen Goranov who has played 32 times for the national team and is usually excellent. Georgi Dimitrov is outstanding at centre-back, and the midfield generals are Pavol Panov and Georgi Slavkov, with Rusi Gotchev, our right-winger who is

now the top League scorer. Gotchev, Slavkov and Dimitrov are all young, have played in the U.E.F.A. Youth Cup in 1977 where they reached the Final.

Our left-winger, Zvetkov, is very fast, and the rest of the team is well balanced. Probably the best known of our players were Georgi Asparoukhov and Christo Bonev. But tragically, Asparoukhov, who was the kind of player that is born only once in 100 years, was killed in a car crash. And Bonev who played 96 times for the national team is now too old, I think.

Preparing for the Belfast match we drew 1-1 with Rumania, who are currently very strong. Then we have another full international with the Soviet Union, and in the middle of April we hope to play at home to a foreign club, perhaps a West German team that is as close to the British style that we can get. Then the players will train together for eight days before we



flew to Belfast.

Our players should certainly be in better form than in Sofia, and there, before there was any score, Stankov shot over an open goal, and Jennings made two world-class saves from Gotchev and Mladenov. With a little luck we can win in Belfast.

Although I am not a pessimist and we will give our maximum effort in every game, I think England have the best chance to qualify, especially after their 4-0 win against Northern Ireland.

If we can play close to our best we can win in Belfast, and that would boost the confidence of our players for the battle with England in Sofia.

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**GET SOCCER MONTHLY AND
GET INSIDE THE GAME**

DID the Republic of Ireland blow their chances by losing a 3-1 lead against Denmark in Copenhagen 12 months ago?

That was the question posed after the 3-3 draw at Idretts Park on May 24th last year. A question that may have seemed premature at the time, but in hindsight the loss of the point plus the fact Eire failed to win their two home games against Northern Ireland and England would seem to indicate that their chances of finishing top of Group One are very slim.

It's imperative that the Irishmen collect both points next Wednesday and nobody realises more than manager Johnny Giles the task ahead. He told SHOOT: 'This will be a very important match for us. The Danes are good in attack. They have scored a lot of goals without gaining many points. However, I hope we can do our stuff and get the two points.'

'A very important match for us'

says Eire manager JOHNNY GILES

Neither country has been able to arrange suitable friendlies in preparation for Wednesday's game but the players have been kept busy at club level. In fact they could be so busy helping relieve the backlog of fixtures in England, Belgium and Holland that players on both sides might not be released by their clubs.

One factor in Denmark's favour is the West Germany-Wales game, the same day, which should mean that the German-based Danes will be available for their country.

Eire's last game was against England, when Paddy Mulligan took over the captaincy in place of the injured Johnny Giles. Mulligan has been troubled with injury all season but Giles has been in tremendous form for his club Sham-

rock Rovers and seems certain to return to midfield. Mick Martin is due back after suspension and he is the natural replacement if his former West Bromwich colleague is unfit.

Another defender with something to look forward to is David O'Leary, he'll be 21 on Wednesday.

The only problem facing Giles was the goalkeeping spot. Regular choice Mick Kearns looked certain to join Philadelphia Fury but the deal fell through. But in Gerry Peyton of Fulham, the Irish have a competent replacement anyway. Up-front only Arsenal Frank Stapleton can feel confident of being included from the start. Likely rivals for the other two positions are Don Givens, Steve Heigh-

way and the Q.P.R. pair Paul McGee and Mickey Walsh.

In the last two games Giles has shown no time for sentiment by dropping or substituting the five strikers mentioned, and against England, Brighton's Gerry Ryan was a surprise inclusion.

This will be Denmark's first visit to Lansdowne Road. In their three previous visits they played at Dalymount Park. Eire have not lost at the Rugby Union's headquarters since February, 1977, when Spain won by the only goal and they should stretch that record on Wednesday in what could be a high-scoring game.



Liam Brady challenged by Phil Neal in the Republic of Ireland's European Championship match against England in October.

REPUBLIC of IRELAND v. DENMARK

Lansdowne Road, Dublin. May 2nd

SHOOT: England beat Northern Ireland 4-0 at Wembley in February. How do you see the situation in the Group now?

NIELSEN: I was at Wembley to watch that impressive win from the stand. Nothing is settled before it is mathematically impossible to get above England in the table, though it is very difficult to see who would be able to do so. It is important to get two points from every home game and after Bulgaria's defeat against Northern Ireland, I think the English can consider themselves almost safe. **SHOOT:** Apart from that 0-4 defeat, Northern Ireland have been doing well. What if they beat England in Belfast?

SHOOT: All the Danish stars play in foreign countries. Isn't it possible to keep them at home?

NIELSEN: I'm afraid not. The Danish First Division will never be of international standard. Our home players can make a great performance once or twice, but during a longer period they can't compete at this level. Even the biggest soccer nations have their best players in a foreign League — Argentina needed Kempes, W. Germany failed without Stielike, and Beckenbauer and I am convinced we would have beaten England if Keegan hadn't been released.

SHOOT: When you met England you had one of your best teams ever, but one month later — in Belfast — it was almost a 'B' team. What Danish line-up can we expect in Dublin?

NIELSEN: As I've told you before, it is a question I cannot possibly answer. We have asked all our best players and I hope they are

'Heighway the player we fear'

says Denmark manager KURT NIELSEN

NIELSEN: No chance. Actually, I think they're the only side we are going to defeat in this competition.

SHOOT: On Wednesday you meet the Republic in Dublin. Were Denmark lucky to get a draw in the first game?

NIELSEN: No, I don't think so. Certainly, we were losing 1-3 with 15 minutes left of the match, but my players were never down. After the equaliser, Henning Jensen almost scored a winner for us, but 3-3 was a fair result.

SHOOT: What are Denmark's chances in Dublin?

NIELSEN: I expect quite a difficult task. I don't know how they'll line up, but I've heard that Heighway isn't consistent for Liverpool. He is the player, we fear most, but there are other stars . . . Brady's having a great season with Arsenal.

SHOOT: Heighway didn't do much in Copenhagen.

NIELSEN: No, but he is the sort of player, you don't leave alone. I believe it was him who won the European Cup Final for Liverpool. When he came on, things began to happen in the Belgian defence.

SHOOT: Will we see a defensive Danish team at Lansdowne Road?

NIELSEN: Certainly not. Unless I get orders from above, we do not intend to have 21 players in our penalty-area!

SHOOT: Have you watched the Republic of Ireland in action since Denmark played them in May, 1978?

NIELSEN: Not really. I saw their 1-1 draw with England on TV. My impression was that the English were lucky to get a point as the Republic scored a vital 2-1 goal that was disallowed for reasons beyond me.

SHOOT: How will you prepare for the match?

NIELSEN: The players come to Copenhagen two or three days before the game. We discuss tactics and maybe we play a friendly against Second Division Herfølge before we cross the sea. The Irish do it the same way, so we'll have no disadvantage in that department.



interested. We can demand them from their clubs, but if they don't want to play, we can do nothing. Europe has had a very hard winter and that is bad for me, because the clubs don't want to see their players involved in international games as well as almost two League matches a week.

SHOOT: So you don't know if Allan Simonsen will play?

NIELSEN: No.

SHOOT: Danish goalkeeper Birger Jensen put up a great performance for his Belgian club Bruges in the European Cup Final versus Liverpool last year and yet you dropped him in the autumn. Why?

NIELSEN: Ever since that Final at Wembley, an injury has worried Birger. His effort against England wasn't too good, so it was only natural to try Ole Kjaer, who has done very well.

SHOOT: This is one of your last matches in charge of Denmark. On July 1st your contract expires and the Danish F.A. have found the man to replace you: Sepp Piontek. He wants to use players from the Danish League only. Is that a good idea?

NIELSEN: I must admit that I had the same blue-eyed dreams when I started two and a half years ago. Piontek will soon find out that our home players simply aren't good enough for international football.

• Interview by Jens Chr. Nørh.



A FIXTURE that when we viewed it at the start of the season looked likely to be of no importance, apart from the aspect of pride, could have a vital bearing on the outcome of the League.

I'm referring to Liverpool's away game against Nottingham Forest on Saturday, April 28th, which was originally scheduled as our next to last. The disruption caused by the severe winter has given us a backlog of three or four games — and more for Forest.

We'd imagined that by now the Championship would be settled, but although we're favourites other teams are still in with a chance.

In football you learn not to count the points until they're safely in the bag.

It was at the City Ground, in the first-leg of the First Round of the European Cup, that we suffered our

biggest setback of the season: going down 2-0 at the very start of our defence of the huge, silver trophy.

I don't want to take anything away from Forest — they played good football — but we committed soccer suicide. Instead of adopting our usual attitude of tightening up in defence on going a goal down, with the intention of wiping it out at Anfield and getting a 2-0 win that would take us through to the next round, we foolishly embarked on all-out attack, as though playing a League game.

Forest made us pay dearly for our uncharacteristic rush of blood to the head, with a second goal scored by full-back Colin Barrett.

In the return at Anfield they held us to a goal-less draw, but on their next visit, in the League, we ended Forest's record 42-match run without defeat by winning 2-0.

So now we go to the City Ground hoping to do the League double.

goals can depend on the luck of the bounce.

We'll be meeting a team only three days after their strenuous European Cup Semi-Final second-leg away in Cologne; and whatever result they have achieved, their manager Brian Clough and his assistant, Peter Taylor, will have used all their skill, patience and experience to prepare them for our visit.

This is a time when bosses really earn their money. Our "bootroom boys" at Liverpool — Bob Paisley and Co. — have played a major role in Liverpool's success over the past



RAY CLEMENCE talking soccer



'We're aiming for a

LEAGUE DOUBLE

Although we will be happy to come away with a point, which many teams have done this season.

As I predicted, Forest have found it harder to defend the title than to win it, a situation we know only too well at Liverpool.

Clubs have concentrated on frustrating Forest, to prevent them from getting into their attacking stride.

Last season we drew at their place, in a thrilling end-to-end game. Both goals were scored in the first-half, theirs from a cracking 30-yard drive by Archie Gemmill.

There'll be an element of the lottery in this game, on a pitch hardened after a wet, cold winter that has churned it up like a ploughed field. The uneven surface will produce unpredictable bounces that make life murder for defenders such as me.

The conditions won't favour attractive, flowing football, and

15 years.

Clough and Taylor form a partnership that began at Derby, steered the Baseball Ground club to a League Championship, and are surely destined to fashion Forest into a major power throughout the Eighties.

I have nothing but admiration for the two men who complement each other so superbly.

After Derby they went to Brighton. Then Leeds United induced Brian Clough to become successor to Don Revie, who left Elland Road to take over the England job, but after a short 44-day spell internal politics ended his stay.

Peter Taylor remained at Brighton to try his luck at "going solo" — and almost succeeded in getting the team up into the Second Division — before teaming up again with his other half at Forest.

I get the impression they are strict

on discipline and set high standards of behaviour for their players, a policy which has been vindicated by the storybook transformation in the club's fortunes.

My ex-team mate Larry Lloyd landed in trouble by breaking one of their rules — that ties must be worn on trips. The situation was smoothed over, however, and he's now playing as well as ever.

Man-management is something Brian Clough and Peter Taylor have got down to a fine art. They instinctively know how to handle players both on and off the pitch, sort out their playing and personal problems, and create the harmonious relationships so essential to productive team-work.

They have the courage to pay big money for players they want: such as Dave Needham, Kenny Burns, Archie Gemmill, Peter Shilton and Trevor Francis.

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Bradford P.A.

When Bradford Park Avenue were in the Football League, did they win any honours?

TRISTAN BUNNELL,
BRADFORD

• Bradford P.A. — elected to the League in 1908, voted-out in 1970, and now sadly folded-up altogether — gained only one real honour in that time.

That was in the 1927-28 season, when they finished-up as Third Division (North) Champions.

The following season, they just missed a further promotion to the First Division by a single place — but that was the nearest they got to the top-flight.

Best for United

Please settle a fierce argument as to whether George Best was in the Manchester United team which drew 0-0 on Forest's ground on 22nd April, 1972?

SIMON COCHRANE,
NOTTINGHAM

• No, Simon, that was one of only two First Division games Bestie missed that season.

The other was a 3-1 home defeat by Wolves on 8th January.

Final replays

How many F.A. Cup Finals have needed a replay?

GARY NEWMAN,
NEW ZEALAND

• When you consider that — two World Wars excepted — there's been an F.A. Cup Final every year since 1872, Gary, it's remarkable that only nine replays have been necessary.

In fact, there's been only one — when Chelsea beat Leeds 2-1 at Old Trafford in 1970, after a 2-2 Wembley draw — since before World War One.

The other replays were in the successive years of 1875 and 1876; 1886; the successive years of 1901 and 1902; and then three on the trot in 1910, 1911 and 1912.

Derby's 12

As a keen Derby fan, I'd like to know who scored the goals in their club-record 12-0 victory over Finn Harps?

MARK SMITH,
NOTTINGHAM

'Clough and Taylor — superb at man-management'

I still find it incredible that a massive million pounds was forked out for Trevor, when Liverpool paid less than half that amount for our Kenny Dalglish from Celtic less than two years ago. Even allowing for inflation, Trevor looks to be overpriced.

Obviously Forest's management felt a position had to be filled, and that the player they needed was Trevor no matter what the cost. Full credit to Birmingham boss Jim Smith for driving such a hard bargain and getting enough to buy several class players for Birmingham's inevitable promotion push in the Second Division next term.

Trevor, acknowledged to possess tremendous ability both up-front and in midfield, now faces his biggest test — to prove his world class.

In such good company, he's certain to succeed, and also regain his place in the England squad.

He's already been a big hit in the United States with Detroit Express,

for whom he's to be allowed to continue to play during the summer months.

I think this is a mistake. Over there they play on Astroturf, an artificial grass, and it's notorious for damaging knees and ankles. Forest are running a risk with their big investment by granting him permission to continue with Detroit.

Scoring goals in that lower standard of football is easier for Trevor, as he's given those extra seconds by defenders which allow him time to pick his spot.

Shortly after joining Forest he slipped across to the States and scored six goals in one game.

I can't see how at the end of next season, after playing 60-odd games for Forest in demanding domestic and European competitions, he'll be fit mentally and physically to play through the summer without a break.

I can understand the necessity for a player nearing the end of his career to carry on playing in order to retain his match fitness, but not someone like Trevor only halfway through his career.

It's possible the arrangement will be revised by both clubs.

Forest have already had one suc-

to. I'm convinced that from now on Brian Clough will follow the same policy Liverpool have used over recent years: replacing one, or perhaps two, players per season in order to improve the team without unsettling it. A continuous "topping up" process.

I'm pleased to see Tony Woodcock back in form. He was criticised for not scoring goals with the frequency of last term, but he struck the barren patch every striker has to suffer at one time or other. Our own Kenny Dalglish got off to a great start and then found goals hard to come by for a spell.

Peter Shilton has recently pulled off two priceless saves. I've already mentioned one — the other was against Grasshoppers of Zurich at the City Ground in the first-leg of the European Cup Quarter-Finals when a Swiss player broke through and Peter saved at point-blank range.

If the Swiss had scored it would have levelled the scores at 2-2 with only 14 minutes to play, and Forest might not have gone on to get the two further goals that gave them a handsome differential for the second-leg.

Tradition

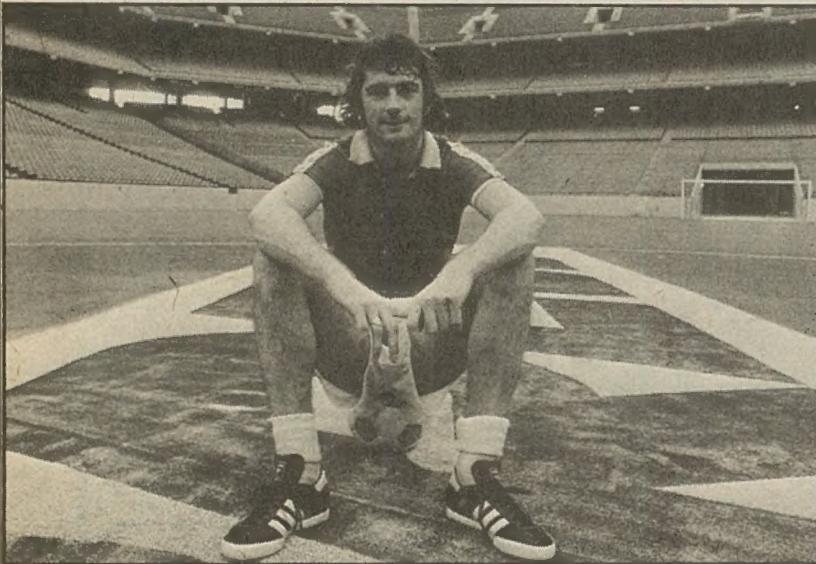
It's a shame Forest still do not enjoy the support they deserve, with gates below 30,000. Tradition is mainly to blame. It will take time before the people of Nottingham accept that now they have a club that ranks with those of Manchester and Merseyside.

Gradually a hard core of support, comparable to those that exist in the two soccer strongholds, will build up.

Already, thanks to Clough, the board have begun to improve the facilities at the City Ground. The stand that faces the players' tunnel is due to be given an expensive facelift to bring it up to standard.

Once again, Forest are following Liverpool, ensuring that the team is right before embarking on an expensive modernisation of the ground.

AGAINST FOREST'



cess this season, becoming the first club to retain the League Cup after beating Southampton in a thrilling 3-2 Final at Wembley.

It could have been a different story if Peter Shilton had not come off his line to smother a shot shortly after Saints took the lead. But when Forest equalised, the tide turned and they ran out worthy winners.

In view of the age of some of the club's veterans, such as Archie Gemmill and John McGovern, there's a belief in some quarters that Forest will go in for rebuilding next season.

It's something I don't subscribe

'Trevor Francis now faces his big test — to prove he's world class'

SHORT PASSES

● Pele was born in Tres Coracoes, in the Brazilian state of Minas Gerais, on 21st October, 1940.

(RICHARD CLEGG, Filey)

● Ron Ashman (who later became manager) has played most senior games for Norwich — 590 League, and 72 Cup, matches between 1947 and 1964.

(JAMES HOWE, Romford)

● Thames F.C. played in the old Third Division (South) in the 1930-31 and 1931-32 seasons before dropping out.

(P.W. ALLEN, Malaysia)

● Everton's record victory is 11-2 (v. Derby; F.A. Cup; 1888-89 season); their record defeat is 4-10 (v. Spurs; Div One; 11th October, 1958).

(GERALDINE CASSERLY, London, S.W. 17)

● Current "European Footballer of the Year" Kevin Keegan scored 68 goals in 230 League games for Liverpool.

(SIMON MERRICK, North Wales)

● Newcastle's first Football League match was a 2-2 away draw against Royal Arsenal (Div Two) on 2nd September, 1893.

(J.P. HAILES, Newcastle)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

● That was a First Round, first-leg home U.E.F.A. Cup-tie on 15th September, 1976, Mark.

Kevin Hector led the way with five goals — followed by three each from Leighton James and Charlie George, and one from Bruce Rioch.

As Derby later won the return-leg in Eire by 4-1 — two more goals apiece from Hector and George — they comfortably moved into the next round on a massive 16-1 aggregate.

Sir Matt the player

As a Manchester United fan, I think Sir Matt Busby was the finest manager ever — but could you tell me about his career as a player?

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**Manager JOHN BOND
of Norwich City**

JOHN Bond's name is seldom mentioned when the Manager of Month awards are handed out.

Yet plenty of people will claim Bond should be named Manager of the YEAR for managing to keep a club like Norwich City in the First Division.

Bond really has done a marvellous job in his five years at Carrow Road. For Norwich is an outpost in football terms — a club of modest means who can never hope to live with the Liverpools and Manchester Uniteds of the game.

In view of their limited resources and crowd potential Norfolk folk have no right to expect anything more than a flourishing Second Division side.

Bond has given them a First Division one — and a team capable of playing some of the most attractive football in the country.

The Norwich boss cares passionately about football, thinks deeply about it and is recognised as one of the leading coaches in the business.

Best Coach

He turned people like Ted MacDougall and Phil Boyer into international players. And both readily admit Bond is the best coach they have ever worked with.

Bond has made enemies through his willingness to talk freely and openly on any subject in the game and he has often been told to shut up and mind his own business.

No football reporter has ever been fobbed off when he has put a question — no matter how provocative — to the Norwich manager.

The answer always came. And if it should offend someone along the way, then Bond certainly never intended it that way.

Despite the stick he takes over it the game would be all the better if a few more managers copied his example.

The club had no youth policy when he arrived in November, 1973. They have now — and the first products of it are already making their mark in the first team.

Coloured striker Justin Fashanu has already attracted a lot of attention — for his outstanding football ability and not the fact he is undecided between soccer or boxing for a living.

Young striker Peter Mendham is one to watch for in the future. So are Doug Lythgoe and Richard Symonds, who have all played in the first team.

All these lads — and more — are flourishing under Bond's shrewd guidance and he intends to make sure

they are taught good habits.

Bond is deeply concerned with bringing lads up the right way and worries about many aspects of football and the image the game projects to the public.

"We have some of the finest young players in the world coming along at the moment — lads who should put us back in the forefront of international football," he says.

"This is one of the heartening aspects. But there is a lot going on that no one in the game should be proud of. And this is something I am trying to do something about."

"I wrote to all the First Division managers — and some lower down — suggesting we all got together for a kind of 'clinic' to thrash out the problems we face. And on Sunday, April 8th, we had a highly successful day and a lot of good suggestions were made.

"Sometimes I think the game is going mad — especially when you consider the ridiculous transfer fees being asked for players nowadays.

"It's no secret I've been looking for a striker for sometime. Yet in one case a club demanded £200,000 for a player who was not even in their first team.

"If I had my way the transfer system would be abolished altogether. Clubs would have to make do with players they signed as kids — that would prove a manager's pedigree and ability to produce top class stars."

It's a bold move from a bold man. No wonder Norwich rate him so highly and are determined to hang on to him.

He has worked wonders on a shoestring — and now has the comfort of a nine year contract as a reward.

Norwich fought off an offer from Birmingham for him last season. And they will resist anyone else who comes in the future.

Bond has no great wish to leave, either. He knows he has more chance of winning things with a bigger, more fashionable club.

But there is a lot to be said for working for nice people, who understand the problems you face and show sympathy for them.

Bond has such a man at Carrow Road, in chairman Sir Arthur South. He is happy to work for him and with him.

But he won't be really satisfied until he has won a top honour for Norwich, or taken them into Europe.

Despite the shortage of money and big name players we're backing him to do that before very long.

'I'm no respecter of reputations'

**Manager TONY BOOK
of Manchester City**

IN character with the man, Tony Book made absolutely no attempt to hide his bitter disappointment with Manchester City's season.

With a sweep of his hand he said: "Look at Maine Road, the facilities, the potential. Look at our following — more than 32,000 people for a game against a Wolves team hanging on to First Division life. And one glance at our squad brings open admiration from most people in the game.

"Oh yes, we have one of the most talented squads in the League — individually, but where we have failed is as a team.

"I still find it difficult to believe we are in the lower half of the First Division. But the facts — and the results — confirm the truth. We have experienced one very disappointing season."

You have to have sympathy for Book. His belief in attacking, attractive football is reflected in the names — and calibre — of his players. Internationals in the vast majority and, on their day, one of the most dazzling



One of City's big-name stars — Mike Channon (left).

outfits in the top Division.

But this season City's "days" have been few and far between. A resounding 3-0 win at Spurs; an identical result at Coventry City; some tremendous nights of U.E.F.A. Cup glory.

In a city such as Manchester, however, where local rivalry is fairly described as fanatical, Manchester United have stormed ahead. They took four points off City winning 1-0 at Old Trafford with a late Joe Jordan shot and 3-0 at Maine Road, then marched on to the F.A. Cup Final.

Book summed it up when he said: "We have not gelled this season. Sometimes I have sat alone and worried it was all my fault. That I had bought the wrong balance, that I selected the wrong teams, that I chose the wrong system of play."

"But then, just when I'm on the verge of believing my own criticism, we've gone out and hammered someone. It's too daft to be true. It's not as if I can say to the world — look, I have no money, I cannot build a good



squad, I don't have the facilities. Because I can, I have, I do."

"Now, the time has come to stop thinking and worrying and to start acting. We plan to trim the squad down for next season, down to 16 or 17 players who are prepared to work as a team, to give them all eight weeks out of ten, not two or three.

"Harsh words, perhaps. But I have to be realistic. I fielded a team against Wolves that contained almost half of my usual 'first-choice' players, to use that expression. Injuries decimated us. Yet we entertained a 32,000 crowd and won 3-1.

"Now there must be a lesson there somewhere. It's my job to decide who fits the future City requirements and who does not.

"And make no mistake. I am no respecter of names. If anything we have too many players whose reputations on paper have not been matched by their performances on the field.

"I brought Malcolm Allison back to revitalise our style and our players. He is making his mark as only he can, but he does need the break of the summer to prepare for a fresh season, to start anew.

"The players in professional football are the last people to accept change. So when we record two convincing wins playing a certain system, they are delighted with that system. But after one defeat, they complain that suddenly, the system is all wrong. Not them, no — the system."

When one talks about what City have "on paper" one must name Peter Barnes, Dave Watson, Joe Corrigan, Mike Channon and Colin Viljoen — all England caps; Willie Donachie and Asa Hartford, both regulars for Scotland; and future stars such as Paul Power and Gary Owen.

It is difficult to pinpoint where Book, who spared neither cash nor effort to create a Championship-challenging squad, went wrong. If indeed he ever did. Or perhaps the time has come to look beyond the man who has to shoulder the wrath of fans and directors alike and ask if City's players don't have somewhere between a little and one hell of a lot to answer for.

One thing is for certain — by the time next season starts, some of the present squad will be one of two things — really shaken up or gone altogether.

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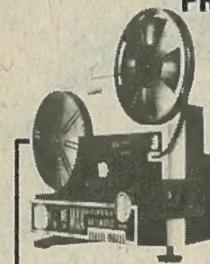
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WHENEVER Arsenal are mentioned in conversation, the Macdonalds, Bradys and Talbots are the names that first spring quickly to mind.

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Arsenal's David Price, a blond 23-year-old utility player from Surrey, is one such unsung hero.

His enthusiasm and stamina in midfield, not forgetting his scoring power, has been largely responsible for Arsenal's success.

David says: "During this season I seem to have discovered a special kind of knack for scoring important goals."

"In December, I scored the winner against Liverpool at Highbury and in January I got the equaliser in our 2-1 win over Nottingham Forest."

To score against the Champions of Europe and the First Division would be the delight of any player but the modest Price ranks another goal as his best.

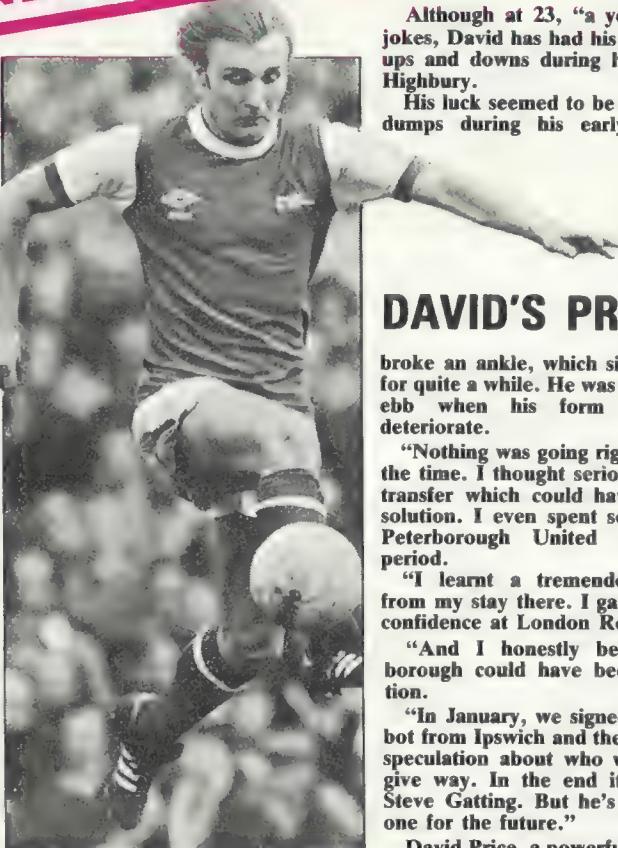
"The one I got at Ayresome Park earlier in the season is the one I regard as my most memorable."

"John Devine, a fine full-back with enormous potential, chipped the ball in to the centre and I climbed above the advancing Middlesbrough defenders to head the ball safely into the back of the net."

WILLIE Young has never claimed to be the most elegant performer in football. And when he first came down from Scotland to play for Spurs, he received terrible barracking from the fans.

But now he's the darling of the North Bank at Highbury. He's still not one of the most skilful players in the Arsenal team, but even his critics have to admit he's effective and playing better than they thought possible.

Says Young: "I don't know when



"But my equaliser against Southampton at The Dell in the F.A. Cup this season was probably the most important I've netted."

most of the Highbury headlines.

But Young would like to see The Gunners' front pair get a bit more credit.

"When Malcolm Macdonald was injured, everyone said we would struggle to get goals. But Alan Sunderland and Frank Stapleton have done a marvellous job. Frank became the senior striker when Malcolm

WILLIE YOUNG — DARLING OF THE NORTH BANK

this thing with the crowd started. But they've helped me to my best ever season.

"I suppose the fans like me because I'm always a 100 per center. And I get in the action in both goalmouths. I'd just like the Highbury crowd to know how much I appreciate their support."

Young, who has played under Terry Neill at both London clubs, believes his game has improved at Arsenal.

"With all the good players I've got around me now, it would be hard not to get better. They've all helped me tremendously."

His back-four partner David O'Leary and midfield star Liam Brady are the men who monopolise

dropped out, and he's really shoudered the responsibility well.

"It was their two goals against Wolves at Villa Park in the Semi-Final that took us back to Wembley for the second year in succession.

"Brian Talbot has fitted in very well, too. It's amazing how he's managed to slot into the team so easily — and he'll get even better yet."

Young is optimistic about Arsenal's League prospects next season, but is realistic enough to accept they need greater consistency to challenge Liverpool.

"Liverpool will certainly take some stopping in the title race this season," continued Young. "They're not the sort of team to mess things up once they're in front."

Although at 23, "a young 23" he jokes, David has had his fair share of ups and downs during his career at Highbury.

His luck seemed to be down in the dumps during his early days. He

DAVID'S PRICE-LESS GOALS

broke an ankle, which sidelined him for quite a while. He was at his lowest ebb when his form started to deteriorate.

"Nothing was going right for me at the time. I thought seriously about a transfer which could have been the solution. I even spent some time at Peterborough United on a loan period.

"I learnt a tremendous amount from my stay there. I gained a lot of confidence at London Road.

"And I honestly believe Peterborough could have been the solution.

"In January, we signed Brian Talbot from Ipswich and there was some speculation about who was going to give way. In the end it was young Steve Gatting. But he's going to be one for the future."

David Price, a powerful member of Arsenal's engine room, could play a



key role in the future.

Apart from the signing of Talbot, Terry Neill has kept enormous faith in his younger players.

They have learned a lot from this season's adventure into Europe, showing great character against Hajduk Split in the U.E.F.A. Cup after Liam Brady had been dismissed.

And the spirit they have displayed in the League has been outstanding after the disappointment of losing last season's F.A. Cup Final. Price says:

"Although we lost to Ipswich, it was a great experience and a proud moment for my family and myself. I can still say I have appeared in a Wembley Cup Final."

He continues: "You can't imagine the glamour of it all until you've actually experienced the euphoria of a

major Cup Final.

"The build-up, the Wembley tunnel, it's unforgettable and I'm looking forward to my return visit there when we play Manchester United on May 12th."

Liam Brady's exciting displays this term have brought the fans flocking back to Highbury and Price is first to acknowledge his efforts. He says:

"He's something special. He can easily turn a game with dribble that would mesmerise any defence."

Price is looking to the future now — it's been almost eight years since Arsenal last captured a major trophy. That was in their "double" season.

They are back at Wembley and Price hopes to make amends for last season's disappointment v. Ipswich.

It looks as if Terry Neill and his staff are heading in the right direction. He has bought well in Alan Sunderland and other players he has introduced to Highbury.

"I'd love to be part of a successful Arsenal side, but if I can simply remain happy in my profession that will do me just fine," says Price.

"I suppose West Brom are still in with a shout, too, but I don't fancy Everton. We played them off the park in both League games, yet they took

three points from us."

The one disappointment for Young this season was Arsenal's defeat by Red Star Belgrade in the U.E.F.A. Cup.

"I think we would have beaten them if Liam Brady had played in the second-leg at Highbury."

The only other thing that could increase Young's contentment is a recall to the Scottish squad and winning the F.A. Cup at Wembley on May 12th.

He was, of course, banned by Scotland for a while after the affair in a Copenhagen night club. But he feels he has done enough recently to warrant another chance for Scotland.

"It can really get you down sometimes. When the squad is announced and you think of all the other players going off to play, you wish you could be with them."

"I'd love another chance to prove I can do it at international level. I'm sure I wouldn't let them down."



STUART BOAM
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SHOOT!

Two of the First Division's most promising young defenders ... Gary Williams of Aston Villa and Everton's Billy Wright (yellow strip).





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Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

1

A goalkeeper wears number 19 on his jersey. Can you order him off to change ...
(a) Yes, or
(b) no?



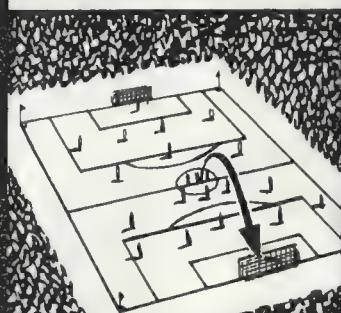
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While play is going on you notice two opposing substitutes fighting off the pitch. Can you (a) do nothing about it as they are off the field, (b) stop play and caution the substitutes or (c) dismiss them both?



3

From the kick-off the ball is kicked directly into the opponents' goal. Should you (a) award a goal, (b) award a kick re-taken, or (c) award a goal-kick?



4

A corner-kick is taken quickly after the ball is placed just outside the corner quadrant. Should you (a) order the kick to be re-taken, (b) award an indirect free-kick or (c) take no action?



5

Seeing an opponent injured on the ground a player deliberately kicks the ball over the touch-line. Do you restart with (a) a throw-in to the opponents, (b) a throw-in for their opponents or (c) a drop ball?



ANSWERS

1. No (b) in British football. In all European matches the players must wear numbers one to eleven at the commencement of the match, therefore the goalkeeper would be number one.
2. Dismiss them both (c). 3. Award a goal-kick (c). 4. Order the kick to be re-taken (a). 5. A throw-in to the opponents (a).

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I'm a frustrated striker'

ALTHOUGH I've been generally disappointed with my goalscoring form this season, I'm still on course to reach Dave Sexton's target.

Before the start of the campaign the boss told me he was hopeful I'd get at least ten. Well, up to Easter I had scored five in the League, one in a pre-season friendly, and one for Scotland.

But for some atrocious bad luck and incredible goalkeeping I would have reached double figures by now.

At least four or five goal-worthy efforts have rebounded from the woodwork or been saved by moments of magic from opposing keepers.

I don't set myself any targets, although if I'm not scoring regularly I get as worried as any of the game's leading front-runners.

I love scoring goals and find it extremely difficult to discipline myself to stay at the back.

I'm a frustrated striker and would give my right arm to play at least one game up-front, or on the left-wing for Manchester United before I retire.

Remember ... I started my career with St. Mirren as a left-winger but soon realised I wasn't good enough to make my name in the game in that position.

Like most stoppers my strength is in the air so the majority of goals I score are from headers following a corner or free-kick.

I do occasionally score with a shot, but they are hardly net-busters. More often than not they're the result of a mishit or deflection.

The only time I scored with a volley Joe Jordan would have been proud of, was an own-goal ... and was seen by millions on Scottish TV.

St. Mirren were playing Kilmarnock and I was determined to make

an impression because it was the first time I had performed in front of the TV cameras.

I made my mark all right, with a shot that almost won the Golden Goal of the season award.

A corner came over and I tried to boot the ball clear, but instead hit it perfectly on the volley from eight yards. The ball rocketed into my own net.

It's funny now, but at the time I was so embarrassed I felt like running off the pitch to the sanctuary of the Saints dressing-room. I certainly wasn't the most popular player at

Love Street that afternoon.

At least my one and, so far, only own-goal taught me a valuable lesson ... be positive when clearing your lines. Make your mind up where you want the ball to go and don't change it. Approach a goal-mouth clearance the same way you would a penalty-kick.

I'll never forget that moment at St. Mirren, or the time I scored my first-ever goal in the English League for Leeds United.

We played Sheffield United — our local derby — and won 5-1. I scored the first with a header. The ball hit the stanchion at the back of the net with such force it rebounded almost to the halfway line.

my soccer world
GORDON MCQUEEN

I also treasure two goals I scored for Scotland.

The most vital to date was a last-minute equaliser against Rumania in a European Championship tie in Bucharest.

What made the goal more memorable was the fact it was a right-foot shot from the edge of the box ... and I was captain.

The Scotland goal which has given me most satisfaction came two years later in 1977 against England at Wembley when we won 2-1.

From an Asa Hartford free-kick I headed home from fully 12-15 yards ... a real beauty.

For Manchester United, the goal I savour most was scored against my old club Leeds on my first appearance at Elland Road following my transfer.

Both Joe Jordan and I had been the victims of some cruel verbal abuse by a section of the Leeds' fans, so you can imagine how I felt when I headed home after just ten minutes play to put United a goal up. We eventually won 3-2. A good night's work.

Every striker will tell you there's



Gordon outjumps the England defence to score Scotland's first at Wembley in 1977.



Our star-writer "scored" with a volley Joe Jordan (left) would have been proud of.

no such thing as a bad or lucky goal — they all count. But centre-halves do score fluke goals.

My most fortunate goal came at Everton a couple of years ago. Leeds won 2-1 and I struck, or rather half-struck the decider.

I went to hammer the ball into the net but completely muffed my shot. Instead of rocketing past the Everton 'keeper the ball sliced off my boot and foxed everyone . . . me included.

As one of the lads said afterwards, if the shot had been on target their goalie would probably have saved it.

Now let's run through my tally for this term, up to and including Saturday April 7th, in chronological order.

Goal One was in a pre-season friendly against Schalke 04 in West Germany.

David McCreery hit the ball on the volley but was off target. Fortunately I just managed to get my head to the ball and glance it into the net. United drew 1-1.

Goal Two was against Leeds on August 23rd at Elland Road. I've already described that.

Goal Three on September 20th . . . for Scotland v. Austria in our European Championship clash in Vienna.

We were losing 3-0 when in the 67th minute I met an Archie Gemmill free-kick with a diving header to put Scotland back into the game.

I almost notched a second a few moments later, heading a corner towards their goal. The ball was cleared off the line and Andy Gray hurled himself forward to score.

Sadly, Scotland had rallied too late to save the game.

I had to wait until December 30th for Goal Four . . . against West Brom at Old Trafford. United lost 3-5 and I scored our second again with a diving header after a free-kick.

Goal Five was yet another header following a free-kick, this time

against Bristol City at Ashton Gate on March 3rd.

Really it wasn't a very good effort and their 'keeper Ray Cashley would probably have saved it had he not been carrying a shoulder injury. United won 2-1.

Goal Six was a left-foot shot v. Middlesbrough at Ayresome Park on March 27th.

A cross came over from the right . . . Brian Greenhoff dummyed the ball and I poked it in with my left peg. United drew 2-2.

Goal Seven was at Norwich on April 7th.

United were losing 2-0 and pressing hard to get back into the game. I then made amends for a couple of earlier errors to head home a perfectly placed Micky Thomas free-kick.

Lou Macari latched on to a Stevie Coppell pass to score our deserved equaliser.

Naturally I'll be hoping to add a goal or two to my tally against troubled Derby County at Old Trafford this Saturday (April 28th).

United beat The Rams 3-1 at the Baseball Ground earlier this season with goals from Sammy McIlroy, Jimmy Greenhoff and young Andy Ritchie.

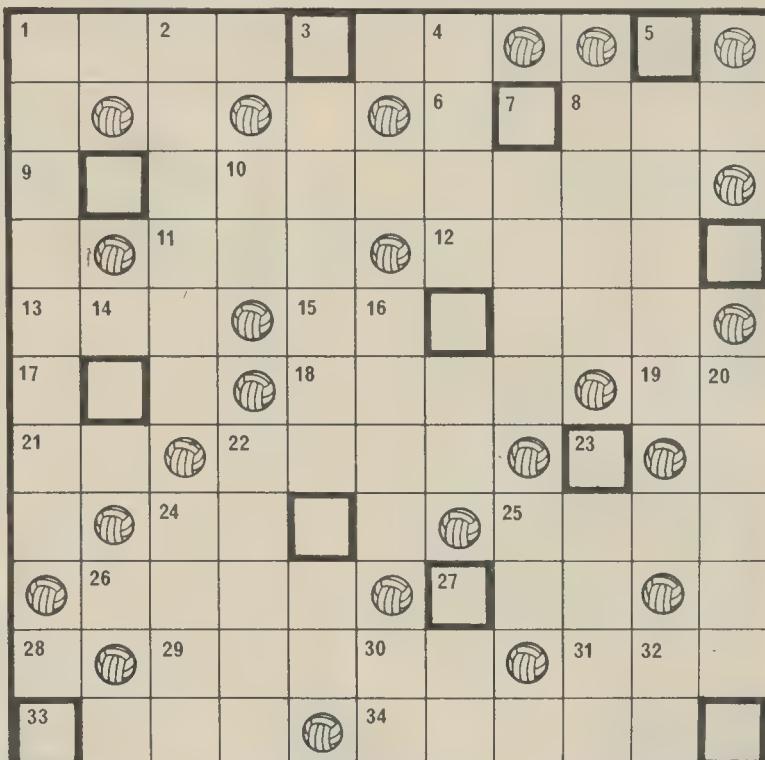
Despite our F.A. Cup Final appearance in a couple of weeks time I can assure you United will not be taking it easy against Derby.

League points are still important because we want to finish high enough in the First Division to qualify for the U.E.F.A. Cup next season . . . providing we aren't competing for the Cup-Winners' Cup, of course.

John C-mally

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Norwich City striker or midfield player. Answers on page 42.



ACROSS:

- (1) — Park, Home of Newport County.
- (2) Joined together — the following of many clubs!
- (3) The Grecians, from St. James' Park. (6 & 4)
- (4) One who makes secret or artful plans.
- (5) Recover or reclaim by effort.
- (7) Cyrille —; West Bromwich Albion striker.
- (8) Merit or work for.
- (10) —uglas Park, home of Hamilton Academicals.
- (14) Bur-l— from Turf Moor. The omissions reversed.
- (16) Layer —, ground of Colchester United.
- (20) The number to make up a team!
- (22) Vegetable dish for players who wish to slim.
- (23) — Shilton, Nottingham Forest 'keeper.
- (24) Tool which the groundsman might use on grass or soil.
- (25) —Imerston Park, Queen of the South.
- (27) -to-e C-ty, The Potters.
- (28 & 34 Across) Scottish Premier Division club from Love Street ground, Paisley.
- (30) Joe --yo of Orient. The omissions in reverse.
- (32) Malcolm --bster, Cambridge United 'keeper.
- (34) See 28 Down.

DOWN:



Tony Godden

MANY of the Football League's 92 managers support the investigation launched into the possibility of imposing a ceiling on transfer fees.

Former Arsenal manager Bertie Mee, who chaired a special meeting of managers last month, said: "We're not convinced it's in the best interests of the game for fees to run riot and possibly produce a £2 million player."

"Transfer fees are getting out of control. It is one of the things we want to look into and then discuss with the Football League."

The issue was finally brought to a head by Nottingham Forest's grandiose decision to buy struggling Birmingham's England striker

February, 1974 for that sum.

Alan Hudson went from Stoke to Arsenal three years ago for £200,000 and Ray Kennedy, Liverpool's midfield star, cost that when he left Arsenal five years ago.

Bob Paisley, Liverpool's man-

transfer market, give or take a few hundred thousand pounds.

Tony Currie, Leeds' England midfield star, and the other big box-office attractions in his line-up would almost break the Bank of

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Trevor Francis for £1 million, the first seven figure transaction ever made in Britain.

The bank-busting deal threw the transfer market into chaos. If Francis is worth £1 million, what price the other pros?

Managers were now having to bid £200,000 for players hardly worth a first team place, yet players of the calibre of Scotland's World Cup captain Bruce Rioch had transferred from Aston Villa to Derby at the height of his career in

ager and shrewd dealer in the transfer market, advocates a policy of grooming stars from clubs' youth systems, thus avoiding the transfer race, yet even Paisley argues that it's not always possible to avoid writing cheques for large sums of money if he wants to capture a world class player of Kenny Dalglish's ability.

Liverpool were prepared to spend £440,000 to tempt Scotland's striker from Celtic.

SHOOT's columnist Gordon Hill had fun in the magazine's April 14th issue putting together his dream team that would fetch a conservative £6 million in the open

England.

As he says on page 8 of this week's issue, Norwich manager John Bond reckons football can't afford £1 million transfers.

"We are in danger of creating a super League — a clique of about seven clubs who can afford gigantic fees," he argues.

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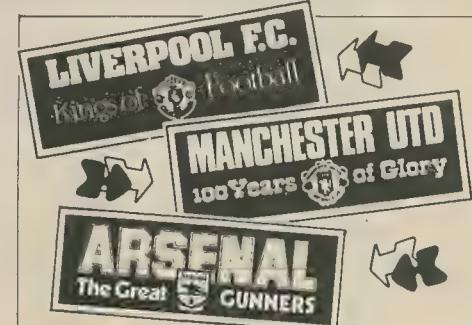
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only 30 League goals by mid-April.

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Viv Anderson (left). David O'Leary (above). Trevor Brooking (below).

the first team and an appearance for United against Arsenal in the F.A. Cup Final on May 12th is a tribute to his dedication this season.

At right-back is VIV ANDERSON, born in Nottingham, who claimed the distinction of becoming the first black player to win a full England cap this season.

Anderson's telescopic legs have won dozens of crucial tackles at the heart of Nottingham Forest's defence — and when he goes for goal he flies as straight as an arrow, the ball never more than a foot or two from his pounding feet.

DEREK STATHAM gets the number three shirt ahead of his arch rival Kenny Sansom, of Crystal Palace, simply because he is playing consistently well for West Bromwich Albion in the First Division, whilst Sansom performs his wonders in the Second.

The 5ft 5in Wolverhampton born defender is almost certain to add a full England cap to Under-21 recognition before the 1982 World Cup.

DAVID O'LEARY, Arsenal's tall, unflappable Republic of Ireland international, wins the centre-half berth. O'Leary, 21 on May 2 and destined to play for Arsenal against Manchester United in the F.A. Cup Final on May 12th, is one of the best defenders in the game



and likely to reach world-class in the next three or four years.

He is arguably the fastest sprinter at Arsenal, which makes him a formidable partner for KEVIN BEATTIE, at left-half, the fastest mover in the Ipswich team.

The Carlisle-born Beattie would clearly have won more than the nine England caps he holds had injury not handicapped his career. He tackles forwards like a mechanical shovel ploughs into earth and



Kevin Beattie (above). Ray Wilkins (below). Garry Birtles (below, right).



has a fearsome competitiveness which gives this defence the extra bite it needs.

The midfield is dripping with class — RAY WILKINS, LIAM BRADY, TREVOR BROOKING.

Two England players flanking the PFA's "Player of the Year" Liam Brady, another Cup Finalist for Arsenal on May 12th.

What this trio lack in tackling power, it would more than compensate for in ball artistry and inventiveness.

Wilkins, the Chelsea maestro, playing long balls with the accuracy of a laser beam. Brady drifting past defenders as if they are queueing at a bus-stop, shooting with stunning velocity from upwards of 20 yards, and spraying passes as if linked by telepathy to the minds of his teammates; Brooking, subtle, always available, ghosting past players and creating angles for passes that would give draughtsmen headaches. Magic.

Striking is about scoring and in GARRY BIRTLES, CYRILLE REGIS and TONY WOODCOCK the Select XI has explosive shooting power and a frightening ability to by-pass goalkeepers.

Birtles, born in Nottingham and a regular in Nottingham Forest's third team at the start of the season, has made the progress reserved only for the greats.

On Course

Brian Clough, his mentor and manager, is doing his best to take the wind out of the publicity that follows the youngster wherever he plays, but his "softly softly" approach cannot disguise the fact that the former Midland Counties League player is on course to reach the highest class.

Regis, the 6ft tall French Guyanese with a heavyweight boxer's build, leads the strikers. The muscular West Bromwich Albion forward is a menace to all First Division defences, both on the ground and in the air, and is freely tipped to become the second coloured player to win a full England cap.

Woodcock at his shoulder completes a trio of quicksilver for-



wards. He has developed a fine understanding with his Nottingham Forest team-mate Birtles and this would have a major influence on the fluent working of this Select XI forward line.

Defenders say there are few strikers as difficult to mark as Woodcock. The England man moves like lightning whenever he is near the penalty-area.

What price would you put on their heads should they ever come on the market? No wonder the cost-next-to-nothing players bring a smile to their managers' faces.



BRIGHTON'S 'Preston mob'

MARK Lawrenson (left) and Gary Williams (right, light strip) have always been certain Brighton will win promotion to the First Division this season.

They are both stars in a team which has been in top form in the League since November and neither player regrets moving from Preston nearly two years ago.

"Things are great at Brighton with the club at the top of the Second Division," says Lawrenson.

"We have no qualms about leaving North End because with Brighton we have joined a club that is just as good and which also has more money."

"We only just missed getting promotion last season when we took 15 points out of the last 16 only to be pipped by Tottenham Hotspur on goal difference."

"We finished fourth in the table and the annoying thing was we had 11 points more than Black-

burn, who finished fifth."

"But we believe we will go up this year."

"We were knocked out of the F.A. Cup when First Division Wolves beat us 3-2 at Brighton but we have done well in the League since November."

Mark and Gary both look out for North End's results every week and the other Brighton lads call them the "Preston mob".

Lawrenson, who is 21, had been an ever present in the side until he broke an arm recently.

He had been capped once for the Republic of Ireland when he left Preston but he has eight caps now and has played in all Eire's European Championship games including the one against England.

"I have played in the middle of the defence in all my games for Brighton and Eire," he says, "and I got into the Brighton team as soon as I arrived."

"Gary missed the first 15 League



games last season after being injured in a practice match, but he has been in the side at left-back ever since and has been playing really well.

"The team had a sticky patch after a 5-1 win over Preston in September, probably because we thought we were better than we were."

"But Alan Mullery got the Divisional Bell's Manager of the Month award for December, in a great Christmas when we took six points out of six, and we have not lost many games since."

NEWS

Compiled by
Peter Stewart

DESK

Life with Brisbane Lions

JIM HERMISTON, the former Aberdeen skipper, is now playing for Brisbane Lions in the Phillips Soccer League of Australia.

One of Jim's team-mates is one-time Orient and Millwall winger Barrie Fairbrother.

Neighbours Brisbane City have ex-Aston Villa and Stockport midfielder Frank Pimblett at the club.

• New coach for Gold Coast City State League side is Roger Hoy, the former Spurs and Crystal Palace player.

TWO of the stars who shared England's 1966 World Cup triumph over West Germany at Wembley are together again at the moment ... in West Germany.

Bobby Moore and Bobby Charlton will present the trophies to the winners of a Rothmans six-a-side soccer tournament involving more than 100 Service teams stationed in West Germany.

The Finals will take place this Sunday (April 29th) at the Garrison Sports Ground, Rehindahlen.

In addition to presenting the trophies, the two Bobby's will be touring various units throughout Germany prior to the competition.

ALDERSHOT's match with Newport recently was a significant one for Dave Tomlin, the club's record £20,000 signing. After six months confined to reserve team duty he got a first team call up and promptly celebrated with his first goal for the club.

Leeds United fans in Manchester

THE Leeds United Supporters' Association have formed a new branch in the Manchester area. If readers would like further details please write to The Secretary, Miss Alma Johnson, 28 Wright Robinson Close, Beswick, Manchester 11 3WR, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

WHEN Newcastle United striker Mark McGhee signed for Aberdeen recently he became the third Scot to leave St James' Park and return to Scotland this season.

McGhee joined the Tynesiders from Morton two years ago, the same week Mike Larnach signed for Newcastle from Clydebank. Larnach was transferred to Motherwell at the beginning of the season.

Next to leave was ex-Heart Ralph Callaghan who returned to Edinburgh but this time to Hibs, in an exchange deal involving international full-back John Brownlie.

TERRY DONOVAN, Grimsby's leading scorer last season, has sat most of this one out — with a leg in plaster.

An ankle injury on September 2nd against Torquay turned out to be much more serious and ended his season virtually before it started.

Says Terry, 21: "I was hobbling about and met the wife of former Grimsby and Charlton player Matt Tees out walking her dog in the park.

"She mentioned a surgeon in Erith, Kent, a Mr. Buck, and I contacted him. I thought I had damaged my ankle ligaments but I had ripped the perennials tendon. I had the operation and the stitches healed up fine."

Terry has been strengthening the leg and hopes to get in a game or two before the season closes.



Tasty 'plaice' for Canaries

BOWTHORPE fish and chip shop in Norwich kicked-off to a "tasty" start when Carrow Road keeper Kevin Keelan and assistant-manager Kenny Brown performed the official opening.

Bowthorpe is a village style housing project being undertaken by Norwich City Council and eventually 13,500 people will live there. Which adds up to a host of hungry customers for shop owners Colin (left) and Ray Harris . . . and more fans for The Canaries, perhaps.

Quick Mover

FOR THE second time in two seasons Terry Austin rapidly becoming one of the game's most travelled players, agreed to a move only hours before the transfer deadline.

Last season he joined Walsall from Plymouth and now he has moved to Mansfield in an exchange deal which took Dave Syrett to Fellows Park.

Ironically, Austin had only recently moved into a new house at Burntwood after completing the sale of his property in Plymouth.

His wife had hardly put up the curtains before she was packing them up and moving on to Mansfield.

Centenary Glory for Cliftonville?

THIS Saturday's (April 28) Cliftonville-Portadown Bass Irish F.A. Cup Final, at Windsor Park, is a repeat of the Hennessy Gold Cup decider, earlier this term, which The Ports won, 2-1.

Cliftonville, who last won the trophy exactly 70 years ago, will be aiming to celebrate their Centenary Year in style, with a memorable Final victory. The Solitude aces were Cup kingpins in the early days of the competition, winning the award in 1883, 1888, 1897, 1900, 1901, 1907 and 1909.

All told, the Solitude outfit, Ireland's oldest senior club, have figured in 15 Finals, their last appearance being a 0-5 1934 defeat by Linfield. Indeed, Cliftonville haven't lifted a senior honour since a Gold Cup success way back in 1933.

For their part, Portadown have yet to land the Irish Cup, losing to Linfield, in 1962, and Coleraine, in 1972, in their two previous Final outings. In the earlier rounds of this season's tournament, the Shamrock Parkers accounted for

Ards (away), Ballymena United (home) and Co. Armagh rivals Glenavon in the Semi-Final.

Rejuvenated Cliftonville reached the Final the hard way, playing all their ties away from home. They were 4-3 First Round conquerors of holders Linfield, then eliminated 1977 winners Coleraine and Larne en route to Saturday's showdown.

Ironically, when Portadown lost to Coleraine in the 1972 Final, the Mid-Ulster side included Scottish-born midfielder Jackie Hutton in their line-up — the same guy, who, as Cliftonville supremo, is now plotting Ports' downfall this time out!

● Blackpool have asked Portadown to name a price for their brilliant young midfielder Jimmy Cleary. But the request was rejected by manager Bertie Neill at least for the time being.

Expect Blackpool to renew their chase after Saturday's Cup Final.

Dream visit for a brave little boy



KEITH Hance, a ten-year-old Londoner who suffers from a crippling disease, is an ardent Chelsea fan, and like thousands of children born handicapped each year can only watch sport from the touchline.

So brave Keith was overwhelmed when invited to Stamford Bridge recently, where he met all his favourite players.

He even got the chance to test the ability of Peter Rhodes Brown, a 17-year-old striker who is waiting for his big chance to play for the first team.

The visit was arranged by SPARKS, the sportsmen's charity, to help publicise a fund-raising competition open to sports clubs throughout the country.

Money raised will go towards research into crippling diseases.

SOCER COURSES

ANGLO/WORLD Education Ltd., in conjunction with the English Football Association, are organising soccer training courses during July and August for students from this country and abroad.

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Apart from tuition in every aspect of the game, there will be matches arranged and visits to professional

clubs in each area.

If there are any clubs, schools or individuals interested in joining these courses please contact Christopher Smith, Sports Officer, Anglo/World-Education Ltd., 21-23 Oxford Road, Bournemouth, BH8 8EY, England. Telephone: 0202 291551.

● Below: One of the coaches summing up after a day's training session.



SHEFFIELD Wednesday winger Paul Bradshaw, who has had to quit football because of a knee injury, held a Celebrity Dinner at Hillsborough in aid of his testimonial fund.

Guest speakers were Brian Clough, Jack Charlton, Billy Bremner, Brian Close and Tony Toms (Sheffield Wednesday and Kent County Cricket Club trainer). Paul is now hoping for a successful game at the end of the season, when his contract ends.

WHICH IS the easiest League of Ireland club to score a hat-trick against? Answer ... Galway Rovers. Four of this season's first seven hat-tricks were hit against the West of Ireland club.

RAY TREACY, the Shamrock Rovers striker, has been suspended twice this season.

Personal hearings are not allowed in Eire, but the most annoying aspect for Ray was the manner in which he heard the bad news.

The first time he was told of his two-match ban was by his daughter who heard it announced on the radio. And word of his four-match ban reached him via a stranger in the street!

Curran Quits

HUGH CURRAN, the 35-year-old former Scottish international, has retired after playing for Norwich, Wolves, Bolton and Oxford United.

Curran made his last appearance for Oxford in October but was forced to retire from the game with a knee injury.

BILLY BONDS made his 500th first team appearance for West Ham in their 1-1 home draw against Leicester City on March 30th. Well done, Bonzo!

ONE of the less appreciated problems created by the exodus of Football League players to America is highlighted by Mike Bailey, player-manager of Hereford United. The Edgar Street boss has been trying to sign a new striker all season — without success.

"One of the biggest obstacles is that so many better quality players prefer to go Stateside rather than come down to the Third and Fourth Divisions," he says.

Great Escapers

SURELY soccer's Champion escapologists of modern times — that's Cardiff City. In the last 13 seasons they actually avoided a drop from Division Two on goal average twice, one point three times, and two points and three points once each! Now they're in the throes of another desperate survival fight.

REMARKABLE RUN

WHEN Birmingham City visit Everton on Saturday (April 28th), they'll be hoping to stop a remarkable run by former striker Bob Latchford.

Since his £350,000 transfer from St Andrews to Goodison five years ago, Latchford has scored in at least one game against his old club every season — and in six matches in all.

Get with the soccer action ... Get SHOOT next week!

Colour: Kevin Keegan in action with Championship-chasing Hamburger SV; West Brom's Tony Brown v. Southampton's Steve Williams, Don Givens (Birmingham City); Andy Gray meets his match; Asa Hartford (Manchester City); Paul Garner (Sheffield United) v. Mark Lawrenson (Brighton) and Focus on Ian Wallace (Coventry City).

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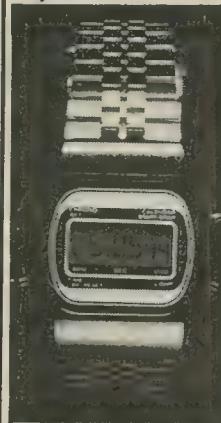
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GARRY BIRTLES

THEN: REJECTED BY ASTON VILLA

GARRY Birtles was resigned to the fact his chance of League football had slipped away when Aston Villa rejected him at the age of 15.

That was seven years ago. Now, in his first full season for Nottingham Forest, he has scored more than 20 goals and is tipped to win a full England cap.

The day he was told by Villa there was no future for him as an apprentice provides Birtles with an indelible reminder about the thin dividing line that exists between success and failure.

He recalls: "I was on Villa's books as an associate schoolboy and I went there for trials. They didn't fancy me at the time and I was really upset because I thought that was the end of my hopes of playing League football."

Birtles, then a left-winger in the Tommy Hutchison mould, returned to Nottingham to play for top junior side Clifton All Whites and eventually slipped into the anonymity of Midland League football with Long Eaton United.

He was a carpet fitter by trade and goalscoring striker with Long Eaton when Forest heard Manchester United were interested in him.

Any Midland League player on their patch worthy of Manchester United's interest surely merited a scouting trip.

Not excited

So, on a day when Forest were playing Oldham in the early part of the 1976-77 season, manager Brian Clough slipped away to watch Birtles in action at Enderby.

The Forest manager wasn't over excited by Birtles' performance, but the Nottingham-born youngster did just enough to justify a trial period at the City Ground. At the end of the trial Clough signed him for £2,000.

But that was not the signal for a dramatic rise in fortunes. "I knew it would take some time to adjust to full time football and I was switched to midfield for a while to get more involved in the game.

"I didn't quite know which way I was going. Before this season began, I went back to Long Eaton with Forest reserves for a friendly and my best mate in the Long Eaton side didn't give me a kick.

"I was beginning to wonder if I had a future in the game, especially when Peter Withe left for Newcastle and Stephen Elliott got his chance ahead of me.

Garry about to equalise for Forest against Southampton in this season's League Cup Final.



still seems unreal but I'm not daft enough to think I've made it just because of what I have done this season.

"Top goalscorers have to produce the goods over three or four seasons before they can really say they are established.

"I am still taking every game very much as it comes — whether it is a Wembley League Cup Final or friendly against a non-League side.

"I don't think you can ever afford to be complacent and that certainly applies at Forest because the boss and Peter Taylor would never allow it.

"I know I have scored a fair number of goals but if I just eased off for one second, there are so many good players in our squad, I know I would lose my place.

"And after the way I came into the game, that's the last thing I want to do. There's a lot more pleasure in playing with good players than watching them and I mean to continue enjoying myself on the pitch."

One of the secrets of Birtles' rapid emergence has been the temperament which helps bring out the best of his natural talent.

"When I played at Wembley in the League Cup Final I expected to

NOW: A BIG HIT WITH FOREST

"Stephen had done well in the reserves and deserved to be picked but unfortunately, things didn't work out for him.

"Nevertheless, it was a major surprise to me when the boss called me into a team talk and told me I was playing the following day

against Arsenal at the City Ground."

Since then Birtles has made more than 40 appearances and averaged more than a goal every two games.

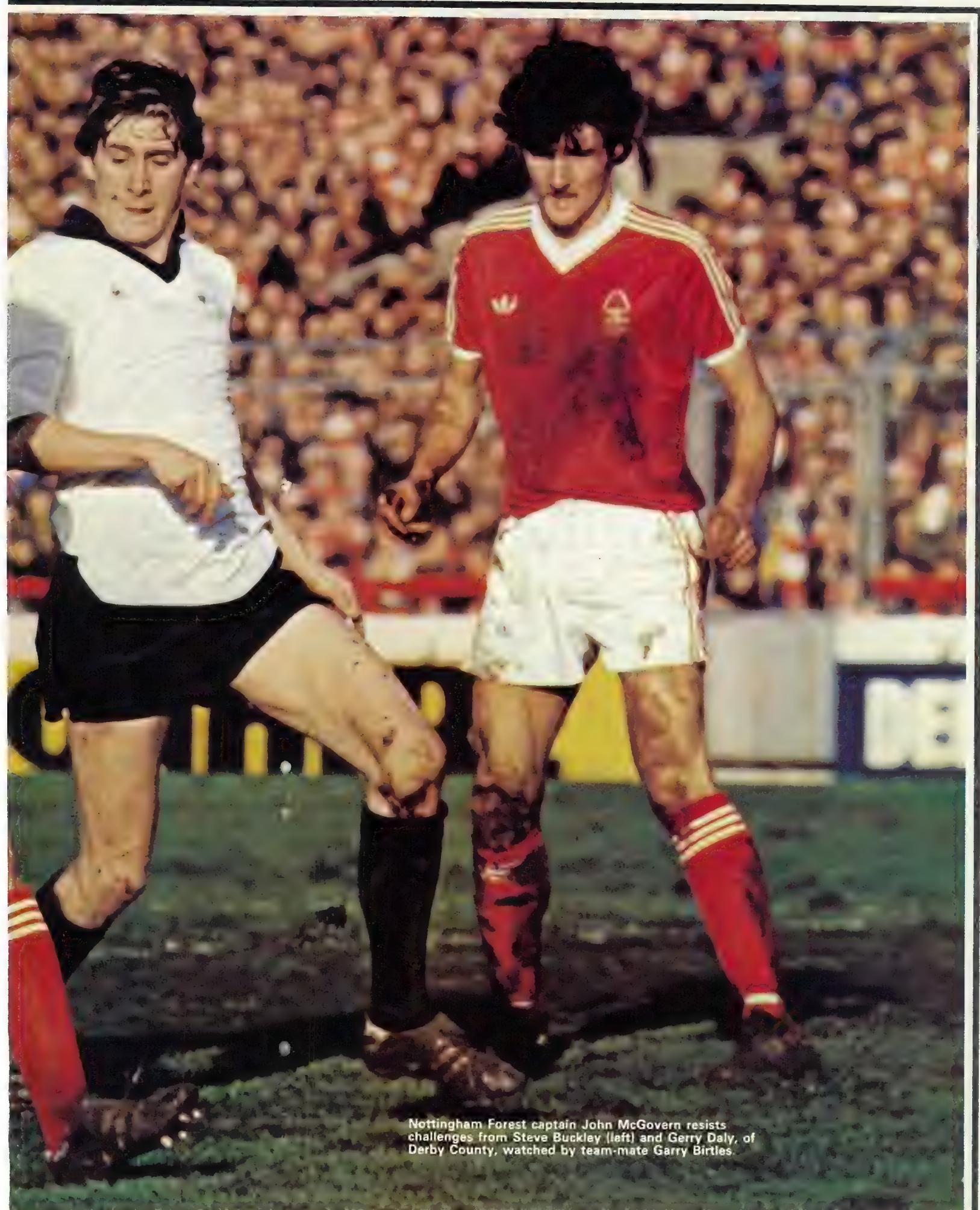
"I still have to keep pinching myself," he admitted. "At times it

be nervous but I suppose with the crowd being so far away, the atmosphere didn't affect me.

"I just went out as if it was a normal League match and getting two goals made it a tremendous day for me. A glorious moment, but I won't forget the lean times."







Nottingham Forest captain John McGovern resists challenges from Steve Buckley (left) and Gerry Daly, of Derby County, watched by team-mate Garry Birtles.

THE PROFESSIONAL OLYMPICS

THE qualifying matches for next year's Olympic football tournament are already well under way and - as usual - there's a farcical air about the whole thing. FIFA have tried to stifle the "shameatourism" of the Eastern European countries by insisting that none of their World Cup players can compete in the Olympics, but the Iron Curtain countries are by no means the only ones who "bend" the Olympic rules to breaking point.

Worst offenders are Spain, who barefacedly field teams of full-time professionals from First Division clubs. Here's a run-down on the 13 players they fielded for their recent 3-0 home win over Holland, for example . . .

Player	Club	Approx. earnings
Manzanedo	Valencia	£33,000
Gerardo	Las Palmas	£20,000
Gordillo	Betis	£22,000
Joaquin	Sporting Gijón	£30,000
Garcia Navajas	Burgos	£21,000
Canito	Español	£22,000
Carrasco	Barcelona	£16,000
Victor	Real Zaragoza	£18,000
Bengoechea	Athletic Bilbao	£15,000
David	Sporting Gijón	£17,000
Rubio	Athletic Madrid	£21,000
Sarabia	Athletic Bilbao	£15,000
Arias	Valencia	£18,000

How amateur can you get? All these players are regular first teamers with their clubs, and have no job outside football. It seems incredible that certain athletes can be expelled from Olympic competition for accepting "expenses" while footballers get away with "murder".

Betis midfielder Rafael Gordillo arranged to get married and go away for a brief honeymoon during a recent two-week break in the Spanish League programme.

But the 25-year-old bridegroom was selected for the Olympic qualifying match against Holland and had to rush straight from the church in Seville to join the rest of the squad in Almeria. On his arrival, Gordillo found that his teammates had bought him a wedding cake, and one of the squad had even dressed up as a bride to help him cut it!



THE grapevine in Brussels says Dutch stars Robbie Rensenbrink (left), and Arie Haan (right) haven't spoken to each other for months. Don't be surprised if one of them leaves Anderlecht at the end of the season.

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MORE GAMES FOR BRAZIL

CLAUDIO Coutinho, Brazil's first permanent manager, has insisted on a planned three-year programme with a semi-permanent squad of 25 to 30 players always available. Coutinho plans to play at least eight games this year (it could reach 11 if Brazil qualify for the Finals of the Americas Cup).

In the second-half of next year, the team will be called together again to play the Atlantic Cup against Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay.

In the first-half of 1981, Brazil will play a series of some eight to ten friendlies and World Cup qualifying games. In the second half of the year a tour of Europe

is being arranged when Brazil will play eight matches.

In 1982, there will be friendly games played in Brazil as preparation for the World Cup (they've assumed they'll qualify).

Coutinho says he will end the long training periods traditional by Brazil prior to World Cups. "I will only call the players together one month before the Finals," he says, "but they will have a special training programme to work on at their clubs. They will also have weekends off when they will be allowed home."

A FAN ran on to the field during the Luxembourg/Switzerland Under-21 game and shouted abuse at the Belgian referee. U.E.F.A. fined the Luxembourg F.A. £600 for this "lack of law and order"; and the F.A. promptly started proceedings against the fan, who turned out to be a lawyer . . .



Why Cubillas left PERU

THE transfer of Peru's World Cup hero Teofilio Cubillas to the Fort Lauderdale Strikers came as a surprise, because most people in Peru had assumed the man who scored twice against Scotland in Córdoba would be joining the Cosmos. The Strikers paid £175,000 for the 30-year-old midfielder, who has secured his financial affairs for many years.

This isn't Cubillas's first foreign club; in 1973 he joined Basel from Alianza Lima, but didn't like either the Swiss weather or their way of play and soon moved on to Porto of Portugal.

Things went better for Cubillas in Portugal and he was still with Porto when the 1978 World Cup qualifying ties began. So eager were Peru to secure their top players that the Government lent Alianza the cash to buy back their former player. They did the same with Hugo Sotil who was with Barcelona.

It worked. Peru reached Argentina and Alianza won the 1977 and 1978 National Championships. Their midfield of Cubillas, Cueto and Velásquez formed the national midfield in Argentina.

Cubillas had played well in the 1970 World Cup, but it was 1978 that was the turning point in his career. Even though the Peruvian team fell apart in the Second Round of the World Cup, conceding ten goals in three ties. Three months later Alianza were eliminated from the Copa Libertadores (South America's equivalent of the European Cup) by Colombia's Deportivo Cali, losing 1-4 at home.

Although Alianza again won the National Championship, Cubillas had a very mediocre season. At the end of the campaign, Alianza owed Cubillas so much money he practically sold himself to the Strikers and left off the Peruvian club for £20,000.

The Peruvian Government has banned international transfers, but this is mainly for the young players with the 1982 World Cup in mind. Cubillas is considered to have given his best to the country and is now on the way out, although we were told that a year ago and he came back.

Cubillas links up with Gerd Müller and George Best at Fort Lauderdale . . . the trio are pictured above.



DETECTIVES SHADOW AYALA

ATLETICO Madrid have given their Argentinian left-winger Ruben Ayala (left) a sharp rap over the knuckles for leading such a hectic night-life. Apparently the club even brought in private detectives to shadow Ayala, and their report confirmed the directors' suspicions.

The 29-year-old Argentinian is hoping to renew his contract with the Madrid club in June, but the episode may harm his chances — which may mean he'll be forced to take up Argentinos Juniors' offer to return to Buenos Aires and team up with superstar Diego Maradona.

These Dutch fans watch English soccer



ALTHOUGH we are now seeing Dutch players in the Football League, English football has been popular in Holland for many years. So popular, that a club, the Continental Society For People Interested In English Football, has been formed.

No, it's not a Monty Python sketch. It's for real. Around 20 young men, who love English football, formed the club and they make regular trips to England to watch League games.

Founder member Peter Baars explains: "English soccer is far more attractive for the spectators, which is why we travel as often as possible."

"And for us, Aldershot is as important as Liverpool. Most of our members don't watch Dutch football, they prefer the English style."

Much to their disappointment, they can't all afford to travel every weekend, but when they are at home they are glued to their radios following the Saturday afternoon action.

Baars continues: "We have seen a lot of different players and now we have a good knowledge of the English game."

"In fact, two Dutch managers are often in contact with us, as they are keen to sign

English players. We don't want to become scouts, we just want to enjoy ourselves, but we help where we can."

The best stadiums we've visited are those of Everton, Arsenal and Aston Villa. Torquay were the friendliest club with Ipswich having the best public relations.

"For fun and niceness Brentford are best, while Orient, Aldershot and Hartlepool have improved the most of the teams we've seen in the past few years."

"Our favourite teams to watch are West Brom, Wolves, Charlton, Watford, Carlisle and Tranmere for entertainment and West Brom's Derek Statham is our favourite player."

Baars is confident his club will grow in the near future. His last trip here was for two weeks over Easter. "If all goes well I'll be able to see 20 games," he said enthusiastically before leaving Holland.

It's ironic that our clubs want Dutch players and we admire the national team so much; yet Dutch fans seem to prefer English football.

● Picture shows (from left) Hans de Roon, Peter Petit and Peter Baars on December 23rd . . . just after they'd heard the Plymouth/Oxford match had been postponed.

ONLY the strong survive in the ultra-competitive rat race that is Football League management.

The pressures are enough to make ambitious young men buckle, collect their broken dreams, and head for the nearest health farm.

In that sort of climate it is not surprising that thrusting, track-suited bosses can now be found at most League grounds.

But there are notable exceptions to that rule. In recent years four men — Bob Paisley, Bobby Campbell, Billy Elliott and Danny Blanchflower — have become managers for the first time when they were in their fifties.

At such an age most men are gearing themselves for grandfatherhood. Yet Paisley, the most successful club manager in Europe has shown that "Golden Oldies" can be worth their weight in gold.

A former bricklayer, Paisley turned professional with Liverpool in 1939 and was a member of their 1946-47 Championship winning side. Since ending his playing days he has been trainer, coach and assistant-manager.

By any standards that was an awesome apprenticeship. But it was one he needed for the task he assumed in 1974 — taking over from the legendary Bill Shankly.

Paisley, 54 when he became manager, admits: "I made mistakes in my first season. Perhaps I was a little cautious, but I have learned from that."

"You build relationships with players by knowing them well as footballers and men, being able to



Chelsea manager Danny Blanchflower

spot their strengths and weaknesses:

"I have learned that football is a team game. Everyone, from the players to the gatekeepers, are important to a club because they pull together towards the same aim."

Bobby Campbell was another man who emerged from the anonymity of the backroom staff to the limelight that comes with the manager's chair.

When he took over as Bristol Rovers' boss last season, his only previous managerial experience had been with Scottish part-timers Dumbarton in 1962, soon after he ended his playing career.

But the Bristol board, looking for a successor to Don Megson, placed their faith in the experience he had picked up in 15 seasons as coach at Eastville.

"I was coach under four different managers with Rovers and I collected tips from each of them," says Campbell. "When I took over it was an advantage to have been

JURGEN Röber of West German club Werder Bremen was delighted to become a father the other week of a fine son, Marcus. However Dad left home soon afterwards . . . because he couldn't sleep at night! So, when Marcus cries, Jürgen goes to the training centre to sleep!

UNETHICAL BARCELONA

ONE of the more amusing anecdotes surrounding the Semi-Finals of the European competitions comes from Barcelona. The Catalan club has been playing poorly away from home this season, and has recorded only one win outside Barcelona in the entire season.

But in their successful Cup-Winners' Cup campaign, they've been able to make up the deficit in their Nou Camp stadium, with the help of their 90,000 fervent fans.

The Semi-Final draw meant Barca had to play the first-leg at home and then travel to Beveren for the return. The Barca president, Josep Lluís Nuñez, promptly offered the Belgian club £56,000 in "compensation" if they'd agree to reverse the order of the matches!

It's a picturesque story, but this sort of "compensation" doesn't fall all that far short of "bribery and corruption" and it seems totally unethical a club like Barcelona should try to use their powerful financial position to secure certain "advantages" on the field of play.

VfB Stuttgart fans can't complain. In their last 26 home games the team have taken 49 of a possible 52 points, scoring 69 goals and conceding only nine.

KEVIN Keegan's Hamburger SV will tour South Korea and Red China before next season.



Only two can play

ON the face of it, the deal the Danish F.A. have negotiated with Hummel seems a good one. They receive £26,000 and Hummel supply the strips for the team. However, so many of the Danish players have individual contracts with other firms that there are problems.

PUMA: Birger Jensen and Jan Grensen (FC Bruges), Morten Olsen (Molenbeek), Frank Arnesen and Søren Lerby (Ajax), Henrik Agerbeck and Ole Rasmussen (Hertha Berlin), Flemming Lund (Düsseldorf), Flemming Nielsen (Fortuna Cologne), Carsten Nielsen and Allan Simonsen (Mönchengladbach).

ADIDAS: Benny Nielsen (Anderlecht), Kristen Nygaard (Alkmaar), Sten Ziegler (Roda), Allan Hansen (Tennis Borussia Berlin), Niels Tjønne (FC St. Pauli).

Only Henning Jensen (Real Madrid) and Per Røntved (above, Werder Bremen) are "Hummel Men".

Life at the top began at fifty



Liverpool boss Bob Paisley

at the club so long. I had none of the problems a 'new boy' might have faced.

"Everyone wants to prove himself. At any age it was marvellous for me, as a manager, to make decisions on my own."

Sunderland, bidding strongly for promotion from the Second Division, are thriving under Billy Elliott's steady stewardship that belies his lack of top-flight experience.

But the acid test any manager faces is how players react to him. And that is a test the latest 'mature' recruit to the profession, Danny Blanchflower, has passed with flying colours.

Blanchflower remained on the periphery of football after leading Tottenham to the double in 1961.

Peter Bonetti and Pat Jennings, two of the world's greatest goalkeepers in the last decade, both believe that Blanchflower possesses all the qualities a successful manager needs.

"When Danny came to Chelsea last December morale was low," says Bonetti.

"Age does not come into it when you talk about good managers, he has a natural zest for the game."

Jennings adds: "Danny, in many ways, is the perfect manager."

"When we are with the Northern Ireland team he shields us from the outside pressures. He gives us confidence in our ability."

"And that, whatever your age or experience, is one of the greatest things a manager can give."

A SEASON that began so brightly for Aston Villa is ending in a very disappointing way. When we thumped four goals past Spurs at White Hart Lane in the Argentines' debuts, Villa looked set for a good season.

Sadly, for one reason or another, things haven't worked out that way. Injuries are an excuse often used when the chips are down, but in our case it is a fact, not an excuse.

On only two or three occasions has Ron Saunders been able to field the same side and at one time or another myself, John Gidman, Frank Carrodus, Gordon Smith (now Spurs), Ken McNaught, Gordon Cowans, Alex Cropley and Brian Little have been out for lengthy periods.

Many clubs would have crumbled

them not only to come back, but to win.

I wish I knew the answer. Maybe we are in awe of some teams and don't believe in ourselves as we should do. I feel we tend to look up at the big clubs and be dragged down by those near the foot of the table.

We, the players, are very aware we should be doing better; on paper we have a squad that compares with just about any other side.

Villa were knocked out of the two domestic Cups very quickly, and we were never in with a chance of the title.

'WHY VILLA DONE'

ANDY GRAY
Writes for you



under such circumstances — our neighbours, Birmingham City, for instance, lost just a few players and will find it hard to make up the loss.

We were still in with a good chance of qualifying for the U.E.F.A. Cup until the last two months of the season, so perhaps we haven't done too badly, all things considered.

Any side that does well must have luck with injuries. Look at Liverpool; week after week Bob Paisley has been able to field the same team, or virtually the same team. There was a time at Villa when the 11 fittest players played!

Because our squad has been stretched, we've had to introduce youngsters and the side has been lacking experience at vital times, always a disadvantage.

However, the injury problem isn't the only reason we haven't done better. I can't blame the fact we lost a two-goal lead at home on three occasions on injuries.

We should have collected two points from these games against Leeds, Manchester United and Spurs, but somehow we allowed

ABOVE . . . "I will be sorry to see Birmingham go down as our local derbies are always tremendous games."

RIGHT . . . "We somehow allowed Spurs to come back and beat us."

Our fans, who have had a fair amount to cheer about in recent seasons, have not given us the backing we would have hoped for. Okay, we haven't been producing the goods, but it's at times like this when a side really needs encouragement.

I feel particularly sorry for our younger players. When they make a mistake an "oh no" echoes round the stadium and it must be inhibiting.

Our attendances have fallen to below 30,000 and this Saturday, when we play already relegated Chelsea, will be a real test.

We are, basically, still a young side and even though we have been tipped for honours, I feel there is still a lot to come from the team.

The players are bitterly upset at not having done better and we are

HAVEN'T BETTER'

aware of the need to be more professional. You'd never see Liverpool, for example, throwing away a two-goal lead at Anfield, or anywhere for that matter.

It was very important for us to get into the U.E.F.A. Cup, having sampled Euro soccer last season, and we're disappointed that it looks as if we're going to miss out.

Perhaps the probable relegation of Birmingham City has taken the pressure off us, especially from the fans' view. Personally, I will be sorry if the Blues go down as the local derbies are always tremendous games to play in, especially now we've broken our hoodoo!

Blues have never got to grips with the First Division . . . they were invariably struggling against relegation, so maybe a spell in the Second will help them to get organised.

For me, 1978/79 has been almost a write-off because of injuries. My aim now is to play for Scotland next month and I hope Jock Stein feels I can do a job for him.

I've had a lot of setbacks in my international career, with a World Cup suspension and injuries, and it means everything to me to pull on that famous blue jersey.

I won my first Scotland cap when I was 19; I'm 23 now and I haven't

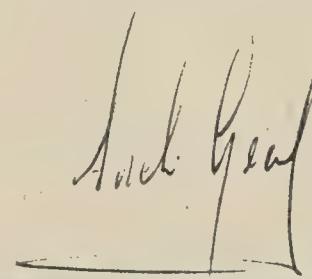
achieved all I'd like to have done. I'm feeling 100-per-cent fit, so my fingers are crossed.

On to this weekend's game, and I'm looking forward to seeing Chelsea's Eamonn Bannon play. I heard good reports of the lad when he was with Hearts and I'm pleased to hear he has, by all accounts, settled down quickly with Chelsea, despite their problems.

I reckon Danny Blanchflower is right in using these games to introduce young players. It is important for them to get as much experience as they can and next season's team for Division Two is already being formed.

The kids will learn it's a man's game and this season will help Danny to separate the men from the boys.

Join me again in two weeks,



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This week's Star Letter comes from Peter Benn of East Herrington, Sunderland, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

LESS VIOLENCE

As a supporter who has travelled to many grounds this season, I have been struck by the decrease in violence on the terraces.

This must be due to the excellent work of the police force working closely with clubs to segregate fans and thus encouraging a happier atmosphere.

The recent antics of Sammy Nelson will have done nothing to further this. Players should set an example in behaving themselves because I'm sure the supporters respond.

● "Bare-all" Sammy acted on the spur of the moment and I congratulate Arsenal on their swift punishment. Yes, hooliganism does seem to be on the decrease, but a big test will be the England/Scotland clash at Wembley.

Fussy Ref?

DURING the Manchester United/Liverpool F.A. Cup Semi-Final replay Emlyn Hughes was guilty of a foul throw because he had a foot off the ground when taking it. The commentator said the referee was being fussy, but surely there is little point in having the rules if the ref doesn't enforce them?

MATTHEW BISHOP,
WALLINGTON.

● I think refs could play the advantage law more often . . . but if Hughes' throw had led to a goal, the referee would have been mercilessly criticised by United fans and, no doubt, television.

Shy Blues

MY, my! It seems as if all the Birmingham City players are camera shy! They nearly all had their eyes shut in the team-photo you published . . . or were they afraid of the SHOOT photographer!

MARK CLIPSTON,
WELL-NEXT-SEA.

● In fact, we were not very happy with the quality of this particular picture which was not taken by our photographer, but supplied by the club.

Pen-Pal

AM a 15-year-old Danish boy and I'd like to correspond with fans from all over the world. I support Manchester United and Borussia Monchengladbach.

NIELS KREISHOLT,
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DENMARK.

Scottish Talent

AS Scotland results recently have left much to be desired, it is good to see so many young players on the fringe of international honours. Dundee United's David Narey won a well-deserved call-up against Portugal and I was happy to see Alan Hansen and John Wark in Jock Stein's squad for the postponed game against Belgium.

Along with these players are George Burley, Paul Hegarty, Neil Orr, Bobby McDonald (below), Raymond Stewart, Andy Ritchie, Bobby Russell, Eamonn Bannon, Tony Fitzpatrick and Frank McGarvey to name a few.

The future for Scotland looks very rosy.

FRASER MOTION,
ANSTRUTHER.



● I expect to see more new faces playing in the British Championship.

Variety

LIKE all Chelsea supporters I've been feeling a bit miserable lately at the thought of relegation, but we must have something to look forward to. It gets boring playing the same teams season after season!

WENDY SIMPKINS,
SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.

● I'm sure Chelsea would rather be playing Liverpool every season, but next season's Division Two promises to be very competitive, especially amongst Southern clubs.

RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

SECOND DIVISION

Continued

PRESTON 0

WEST HAM 0

15,376

Preston: Tunks; Taylor, Cameron, Doyle (Wilson), Baxter, O'Riordan, Coleman, Haslegrave, Elliott, Potts, Bruce.

West Ham: Parkes; Lampard, Brush, McDowell, Martin, Bonds, Holland, Devonshire, Cross, Brooking, Robson.

Postponed: Blackburn v Fulham; Palace v Burnley; Leicester v Luton; Newcastle v Bristol R; Notts Co v Wrexham; Oldham v Millwall; Stoke v Sunderland.

THIRD DIVISION

CARLISLE (0) 1 (Ludlam)

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Biggins)

5,057

Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, MacDonald, Tait, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Ludlam, Kemp, MacLean.

Shrewsbury: Wardle; Larkin, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Keay, Lindsay, Atkins, Tong, Biggins, Maguire.

PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Binney)

COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Dyer)

5,342

Plymouth: Hodge; McNeill, Uzzell, James, Clarke, Johnson, Megson, Harrison (Fear), Binney, Trusson, Rogers.

Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wright, Hodge, Wignall, Packer, Foley, Gough, Dyer, Lee, Allinson.

Postponed: Bury v Peterborough; Chester v Chesterfield; Mansfield v Lincoln; Oxford v Brentford; Rotherham v Walsall; Sheff Wed v Blackpool; Watford v Hull.

FOURTH DIVISION

GRIMSBY 0

ALDERSHOT 0

6,121

Grimsby: Batch; Moore (D), Moore (K), Waters, Wigginton, Crambie, Brolly, Ford, Lidell, Mitchell, Cumming.

Aldershot: Johnson; Howitt, Edwards, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor (Wooler).

TORQUAY (0) 0

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (MacDougall)

2,159

Torquay: Turner; Darke, Ritchie, Twitchin, Payne, Dunne, Wilson, Lawrence (Cooper), Raper, Murphy, Coffill.

Bournemouth: Allen; Miller, Ferns, Impey, Brown (R), Holder, Borthwick, MacDougall, Butler (M) (Scott), Lenhard, Massey.

WIGAN (0) 2 (Wright, Smart)

STOCKPORT (0) 0

7,610

Wigan: Brown; Smart, Hinnigan, Gore, Ward, Fretwell, Corrigan, Wright, Brownbill, Moore, Purdie.

Stockport: Lawson; Thorpe, Rutter, Fogarty, Park, Edwards, Smith, Halford, Bradd, Summerville (Connor), Lee.

Postponed: Bradford C v Doncaster; Darlington v Portsmouth; Halifax v Hereford; Hartlepools v Port Vale; York v Huddersfield.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

ABERDEEN (0) 0

DUNDEE UTD (0) 2 (Sturrock, Fleming)

10,000

Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLellan, McMaster (Strachan), Rougvie, Miller, Sullivan, Archibald, Harper (McLeish), Jarvie, Davidson.

Dundee U: McAlpine; Stewart, Stark, Phillip (Addison), Hegarty, Narey, Holt, Sturrock, Dodds, Fleming, Kirkwood.

CELTIC (1) 2 (Lennox 2)

MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Donnelly)

16,000

Celtic: Bonnar; McGrain, Lynch, Aitken, McDonald, Edvaldsson, Provan, McLeod, Lennox, Burns, Doyle.

Motherwell: Rennie; Kennedy, Wark, Kane, Dempsey, McLeod, Rafferty (Mungall), Wilson, Larnach, Clinging, Donnelly.

HIBS (1) 1 (Campbell)

HEARTS (1) 1 (Gibson pen.)

13,297

Hibs: McArthur; Brazil, Duncan, Bremner, Stewart, McNamara, Rae, MacLeod, Campbell, Callaghan, Higgins.

Hearts: Allan; Kidd, Black, Liddell, Jeffries, Craig, Gibson, Fraser, O'Connor, Busby, Robertson (Prentice).

PARTICK (0) 0

RANGERS (1) 2 (Cooper, Urquhart)

2,200

Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Anderson, McAdam, Marr, Houston, Somner (O'Hara), McIrose, Gibson, Park.

Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Dawson, Forsyth (T), Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Urquhart, Smith, Cooper.

ST. MIRREN (1) 3 (McGarvey 2, Bone)

8,200

St. Mirren: Thomson; Young, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Richardson, Stark, Bone, Abercrombie, McGarvey.

Morton: Baines; Hayes, Holmes, Anderson, Orr, Miller, McNeill, McLaren, Tolmie (Russell), Scott, Ritchie.

MONDAY, MARCH 19

F.A. CUP

Sixth Round

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Hayes)

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Price)

24,536

Southampton: Gennoe; Golac, Peach (Andruszewski), Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Hayes, Holmes, Curran.

Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Price (Walford), Rix.



Trevor Brooking inspired West Ham to a valuable away point at Preston.

FOURTH DIVISION

ROCHDALE (0) 0

WIGAN (1) 2 (Purdie, Moore)

3,621

Rochdale: Shyne; Creamer, Taylor, Hart, Bannon, Scaife, Hoy, Collins (Hilditch), Jones, O'Loughlin, Esser.

Wigan: Brown; Smart, Hinnigan, Gore, Ward, Fretwell, Corrigan, Wright, Brownbill, Moore, Purdie.

Postponed: Third Division: Mansfield v Chesterfield.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

U.E.F.A. CUP

Quarter-Final second-leg

BORUSSIA MÖNCHENGLADBACH (1) 3 (Kulik, Bruns, Del Haye)

MAN. CITY (0) 1 (Deyna)

35,000

Mönchengladbach: Kneib; Schaffer, Hannes, Schafer, Ringels, Bruns, Simonson, Kulik, Del Haye (Amrath), Wohlers, Lienen.

Man. C: Corrigan; Donachie, Power, Reid (Deyna), Watson, Booth, Shannon, Viljoen, Henry, Hartford, Barnes.

FIRST DIVISION

ASTON VILLA (1) 3 (Evans, Gidman pen., Mortimer)

Q.P.R. (0) 1 (Allen)

24,310

Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Williams, Gregory, Evans, Mortimer, Craig, Little (Linton), Gray, Cowans, Swain.

Q.P.R.: Richardson; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Roeder, Shanks, Francis, Eastoe (Allen), Bowles, Busby.

COVENTRY (3) 4 (Powell, Thompson, Hutchinson, McDonald)

MAN. UTD (1) 3 (Coppell 2, McIlroy)

26,308

Coventry: Sealey; Coop, McDonald, Yorath, Holton, Hagan, Nardiello, Wallace, Thompson, Powell, Hutchinson.

Man. U: Bailey; Nicholl, Albliston, McIlroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Jordan, Greenhoff (B), Thomas.

LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (McDermot, Johnson)

WOLVES (0) 0

39,695

Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Hughes, Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Johnson, Case, McDermott, Souness.

Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, McAlle, Berry, Hibbitt, Daley, Rafferty, Richards, Carr.

SECOND DIVISION

BRISTOL R (0) 1 (Staniforth)

BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Ward 2)

8,290

Bristol R: Thomas; Jones, Bater, Aitken, Taylor, Barry, Dennehy (Clarke), Williams, White, Staniforth, Hendrie.

Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Ryan, Ward, Poskett, Clark, O'Sullivan.

CAMBRIDGE (0) 2 (Murray, Biley)

MILLWALL (1) 1 (Kitchener)

5,301

Cambridge: Webster; Graham, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Buckley, Murray, Spriggs, Garner (Street), Finney, Biley.

Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Sparrow, Chambers, Kitchener, Tagg, Mehmet, Seasman, Mitchell, Walker, O'Callaghan.

ORIENT (2) 2 (Chiedozie, Whittle)

CHARLTON (0) 1 (Robinson)

6,457

Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Greasham, Gray, Went, Chiedozie, Moores, Mayo, Whittle, Banjo.

Charlton: Wood; Campbell, Warman, Gritt, Shaw, Madden, Brisley, Hales, Robinson, Berry, Peacock (Powell).

PRESTON (1) 1 (Coleman)

OLDHAM (0) 1 (Young)

12,535

Preston: Tunks; Taylor (Williams), Cameron, Doyle, Baxter, O'Riordan, Coleman, Haslegrave, Ellis, Potts, Bruce.

Oldham: McDonnell; Wood, Edwards, Keegan, Hicks, Hurst, Blair, Stainrod, Young (Jordan), Chapman, Heaton.

BLACKPOOL (1) 5 (McEwan 2, 1 pen., Kellow 2, Sudbally)

SHREWSBURY (0) 0

5,330

Blackpool: Hesford; Malone, Pashley, Waldron, Sudbally, McEwan, Kellow, Kerr, Spence, Ronson, Weston.

Shrewsbury: Wardle; Larkin, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Keay, Lindsay, Atkins, Tong, Biggins, Maguire.

BURY (1) 1 (Beamish)

OXFORD (1) 1 (Duncan)

3,168

Bury: Forrest; Constantine, Kennedy, Ritson, Tucker, Whitehead, Stanton (Johnson), Wilson, Beamish, Gregory, Taylor.

Oxford: Burton; Taylor, Fogg, Briggs, Boden, Duncan, McGrogan, Jeffrey, Berry (Sweetser), Seacole, Hodgson.

CARLISLE (1) 4 (Lumb 2, Kemp 2)

PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Cooke)

4,571

Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, McDonald, Tait, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, McLean, Kemp, Ludlam.

Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Robson, Doyle, Green, Smith, Sharkey, McEwan, Guy, Cooke, Clegg.

SWANSEA (2) 3 (Curtis 2, James)

WATFORD (0) 2 (Jenkins, Bolton)

19,850

Swansea: Crugdington; Evans, Bartley, Phillips, Stevenson, Charles, Attley (Smith), James, Curtis, Waddle, Callaghan.

Watford: Rankin; Stirk, Pritchett, Booth, Sims, Bolton, Pollard, Blissett, Jenkins, Joslyn, Downes.

WIMBLEDON (0) 0

GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Waters)

2,392

Wimbledon: Goddard; Briley, Eames, Kettridge, Galvin, Perkins, Leslie, Galliers, Denny, Clark, Driver (Parsons).

Grimsby: Batch; Moore (D), Moore (K), Waters, Wigginton, Crambie, Brolly, Ford, Lidde, Mitchell, Cumming.

YORK (1) 1 (Staniforth)

NEWPORT (1) 2 (Tynan, Goddard)

2,156

York: Neenan; Kay, Walsh, Pugh, Faulkner, Clements, Ford, Randall, Loggie, McDonald, Staniforth.

Newport: Plumley, Walden, Relish Davies, Lakes, Bruton, Bailey, Lowndes, Goddard, Tynan, Moore.

Postponed: Halifax v Bradford C; Huddersfield v Barnsley. Scottish Premier: Partick v Hibs.



Barry Powell scored one of Coventry's goals in their 4-3 home win over Manchester United.

SWINDON (0) 1 (Rowland)

COLCHESTER (0) 2 (Lee 2)

6,678

Swindon: Allan, Hamilton, Ford, McHale, Aizlewood, Stroud, Miller (Bates), Carter, Rowland, Mayes, Williams.

Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wright, Hodge, Downman, Gough, Packer, Foley, Dyer, Lee, Allinson.

WALSALL (0) 0

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Westwood)

3,084

Walsall: Kearns; Mackin, Caswell, Jones, Serella, Sbragia, Birch, King, Austin, McDonough (Kelly), Penn.

Gillingham: Hillyard; Sharpe, Barker, Overton, Weatherley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hughes, Price, Westwood, White.

Postponed: Sheff. Wed v Hull

FOURTH DIVISION

ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Edwards)

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0

5,490

Aldershot: Johnson; Edwards, Howitt, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie (Hooper), Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.

Bournemouth: Allen; Miller, Ferns, Impey (Scott), Brown (R), Borthwick, Holder, MacDougall, Butler (M), Lennard, Massey.

DONCASTER (0) 2 (Lewis, French)

READING (1) 2 (Kearney, Lewis)

2,487

Doncaster: Peacock; Lister, Flanagan, Meagan, Bradley, Cannell, Laidlaw, French, Lewis, Bentley, Pugh.

Reading: Death; Peters, White, Hetzke, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Kearney, Kearns, Wanklyn, Lewis.

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0

NORTHAMPTON (1) 3 (Reilly 3)

1,763

Scunthorpe: Crawford; O'Donnell, Pilling, Oates, Deere, Czuczmar, Grimes, Gibson (Kilmore), Earl, Kavanagh, Keeley.

Northampton: Poole; Geidmantas, Saunders, Wootlett, Robertson, Mead, Farrington, Williams, Froggett, Reilly, McGaffery.

WIMBLEDON (0) 0

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2,392

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Postponed: Halifax v Bradford C; Huddersfield v Barnsley. Scottish Premier: Partick v Hibs.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

EUROPEAN CUP Quarter-Final second-leg

GRASSHOPPERS (1) 1 (Sulser pen.)

NOTTM. FOREST (1) 1 (O'Neill)

Grasshoppers: Berbig; Wehrli, Heinz Hermann, Montandon, Hey, Bauer, Traber, Egli, Sulser, Ponte, Herbert Hermann.

Nottm. F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Lloyd, Needham, O'Neill, Gemmill, Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.

Postponed: Rangers v. Cologne.

U.E.F.A. CUP Quarter-Final second-leg

W.B.A. (1) 1 (Regis)

RED STAR BELGRADE (0) 1 (Sestic) 31,110

W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Cantello, Cunningham.

Red Star: Stojanovic, Jovanovic, Krmpotic, Muslim, Juric, Jelikic, Sestic, Blagojevic, Savic, Borovnica, Milosavljevic.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP Quarter-Final second-leg

BARCELONA (1) 1 (Miguel)

IPSWICH (0) 0 100,000

Barcelona: Arrola; Zuviria, Miguel, Olmo, Albaladejo, Asensi, Neeskens, Martinez, Rexach, Krankl, Heredia.

Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Osman, Butcher, Beattie, Wark (Parkin), Muhrer, Mills, Gates (Geddis), Brazil, Woods.

F.A. CUP Sixth Round replay

ARSENAL (1) 2 (Sunderland 2)

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0 44,820

Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Brady (Walford), Sunderland, Stapleton, Price, Rix.

Southampton: Weels; Golac, Andruszewski (Baker), Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Hayes, Holmes, George.

FIRST DIVISION

DERBY (2) 3 (McFarland 2, Daly)

BOLTON (0) 0 15,227

Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Daly, McFarland, Wicks, Carter, Powell, Greenwood, Moreland, Crawford.

Bolton: McDonough; Nicholson, Burke, Greaves, Jones (Whatmore), Walsh, Morgan, Allardyce, Gowling, Worthington, McNab.

SECOND DIVISION

LEICESTER (0) 1 (Buchanan)

FULHAM (0) 0 10,363

Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth (Peake), Rose, O'Neill, May, Williams, Goodwin, Kelly, Henderson, Buchanan, Smith.

Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Bullivant, Money, Gale, Margerrison, Beck, Mahoney (Evanson), Kitchen, Lock.

WREXHAM (0) 0

BURNLEY (1) 1 (Fletcher) 5,000

Wrexham: Davies; Cegelski, Whittle, Jones, Roberts, Giles, Shinton, Cartwright, McNeil, Lyons (Sutton), Fox.
Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Jakub, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon, James.

THIRD DIVISION

CHESTER (0) 0

SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Polycarpou) 2,108

Chester: Lloyd; Nickeas, Raynor, Storton, Jeffries, Oaks, Sutcliffe, Felix, Edwards, Walker, Henderson.

Southend: Cawston; Moody, Yates, Stead, Hadley (Walker), Cusack, Morris, Polycarpou, Parker, Dudley, Laverick

LINCOLN (1) 1 (Ward)

BRENTFORD (0) 0 2,070

Lincoln: Grotter; Hubbard, Laybourne, Fleming, Cross, Cooper, Guest, Ward, Sunley, Harford, Cockerill.

Brentford: Bond; Salman, Tucker, McNichol, Kruse, Graham (J), Carlton, Shrub (Smith), Glover, McCulloch, Phillips.

Postponed: Mansfield v. Chesterfield.

FOURTH DIVISION

HEREFORD (1) 2 (White, Gould)

ROCHDALE (1) 2 (Jones 2) 2,351

Hereford: Hughes; Price, Burrows, Cornes, Layton, Emery, White, Hendry, Powell (Stephens), Gould, Feeley.

Rochdale: Felgate; Hart, Snookes, Scaife, Taylor, Creamer, Hoy, Collins, Jones, O'Loughlin, Owen.

PORTRAL VALE 0

PORTSMOUTH 0 2,738

Port Vale: Dance; Keenan, Griffiths, Beech, Delgado, Hawkins (Bentley), Sinclair, Farrell, Wright, Todd, Healy.

Portsmouth: Mellor, Ellis, Milligan, Denyer, Wilson, Davey, Hemmerman, Lathan, Gardner, Showers, Bryant (Viney).

Postponed: Halifax v. Bradford; Huddersfield v. Barnsley; Scottish Premier: Hearts v. Celtic; Morton v. Aberdeen out of order.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

EUROPEAN CUP Quarter-Final second-leg

RANGERS (0) 1 (McLean)

COLOGNE (0) 1 (Muller) 44,000

Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Dawson (Johnstone), Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Urquhart (Parlane), Smith, Cooper.

Cologne: Schumacher; Konopka, Zimmermann, Strack (Prestin), Gerber, Culmann, Schuster, Flohe, Muller, Neumann, Van Gool (Glowacz).

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

FOURTH DIVISION

DONCASTER (0) 0

HARTLEPOOL (0) 0 2,552

Doncaster: Peacock; Lister, Flanagan, Meagan, Bradley, Oinely, Laidlaw, French, Lewis (Cox), Bentley, Pugh.

Hartlepool: Richardson; Smith (G), Gorry, Lawrence, Smith (T), Ayre, Linacre, Houchen, Crumplin, Harding, Loadwick.

STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Bradd)

HALIFAX (0) 2 (Johnson, Campbell) 3,033

Stockport: Lawson; Thorpe, Rutter, Edwards, Connor, Seddon, Smith, Henson, Summerbee, Bradd, Halford, Lee.

Halifax: Kilner; Hutt, Dunleavy, Smith, Trainer, Sidebottom, Firth, Kennedy, Campbell, Johnson (Loska).

LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (Dalglish, Johnson)

IPSWICH (0) 0

43,243

Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Hughes, Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Johnson, Case, McDermott, Souness.

Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Tibbott (Brazil), Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Mills, Woods.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Sunderland)

MAN. CITY (1) 1 (Channon)

35,014

Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Talbot, O'Leary, Young (McDermott), Heeley, Sunderland, Stapleton, Price, Rix.

Man. C: Corrigan; Donachie, Power, Owen, Watson, Booth, Channon, Viljoen, Henry, Hartford, Deyna.

ASTON VILLA (2) 2 (Gidman Pen., Gray)

TOTTENHAM (0) 3 (Hoddle 2, Jones)

35,486

Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Williams, Gregory, Evans, Mortimer, Craig, Little, Gray, Cowans, Swain.

Tottenham: Kendall; Naylor, McAllister, Holmes, Lacy, Perryman, Pratt, Ardiles, Jones, Hoddle, Villa.

BOLTON (0) 2 (Gowling 2)

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0

19,879

Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Dunne, Greaves, Jones, Walsh, Morgan, Whatmore, Gowling, Worthington, Smith.

Southampton: Wells; Golac, Andruszewski, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, George, Holmes, Curran.

CHELSEA (0) 1 (Langley)

WOLVES (0) 2 (Richards, Rafferty)

20,502

Chelsea: Borota; Wilkins (G), Stride (Stanley), Bannon, Sitton, Nutton, Harris, Wilkins (R), Aylott, Langley, Walker.

Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, McAlle, Berry, Hibbit, Daley, Rafferty, Richards, Carr.

DERBY 0

EVERTON 0

20,814

Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Daly, McFarland, Wicks, Carter, Powell, Greenwood, Moreland, Crawford.

Everton: Wood; Todd, Heard, Lyons, Wright, Ross, King, Dobson, Higgins, Telfer, Thomas.

BLACKBURN (0) 0

PRESTON (1) 1 (Bruce)

17,790

Blackburn: Ramsbottom; Rathbone, Morley, Metcalfe (Fowler), Parkin, Fazackerley, Brotherton, Craig, McKenzie, Parkes, Bailey.

Preston: Tunks; Taylor, Cameron, Bell, Baxter, O'Riordan, Coleman, Doyle, Elliott, Potts, Brude, Chapman, Heaton.

BRISTOL R 0

OLDHAM 0

5,405

Bristol R: Thomas; Jones, Bater, Aitken, Taylor, Emmanuel, Hendrie, Williams, White, Staniforth, Barry (Clarke).

Oldham: McDonnell; Wood, Edwards, Keegan, Hicks, Hurst, Blair, Jordan, Stainrod, Chapman, Heaton.

BURNLEY (1) 2 (James, Scott)

CHARLTON (1) 1 (Rodaway o.g.)

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Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Jakub, Ingham, Fletcher, Morley, James.

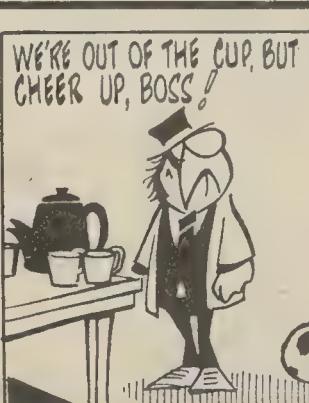
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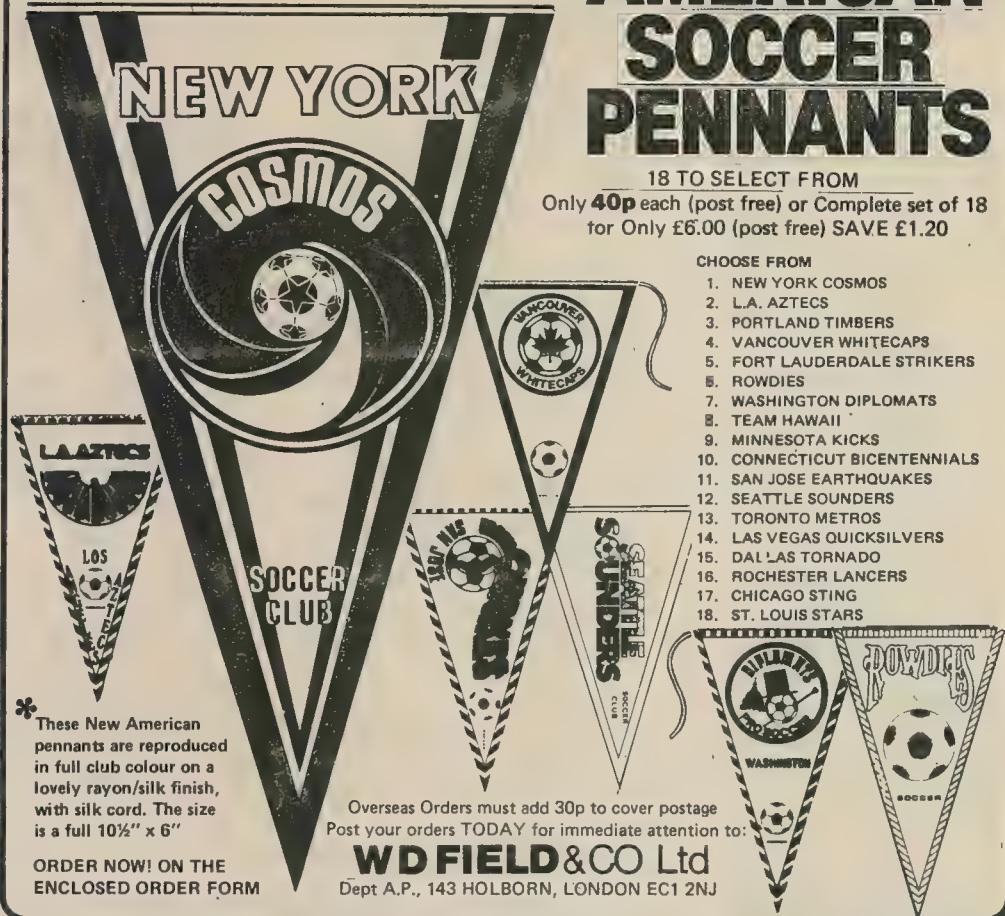
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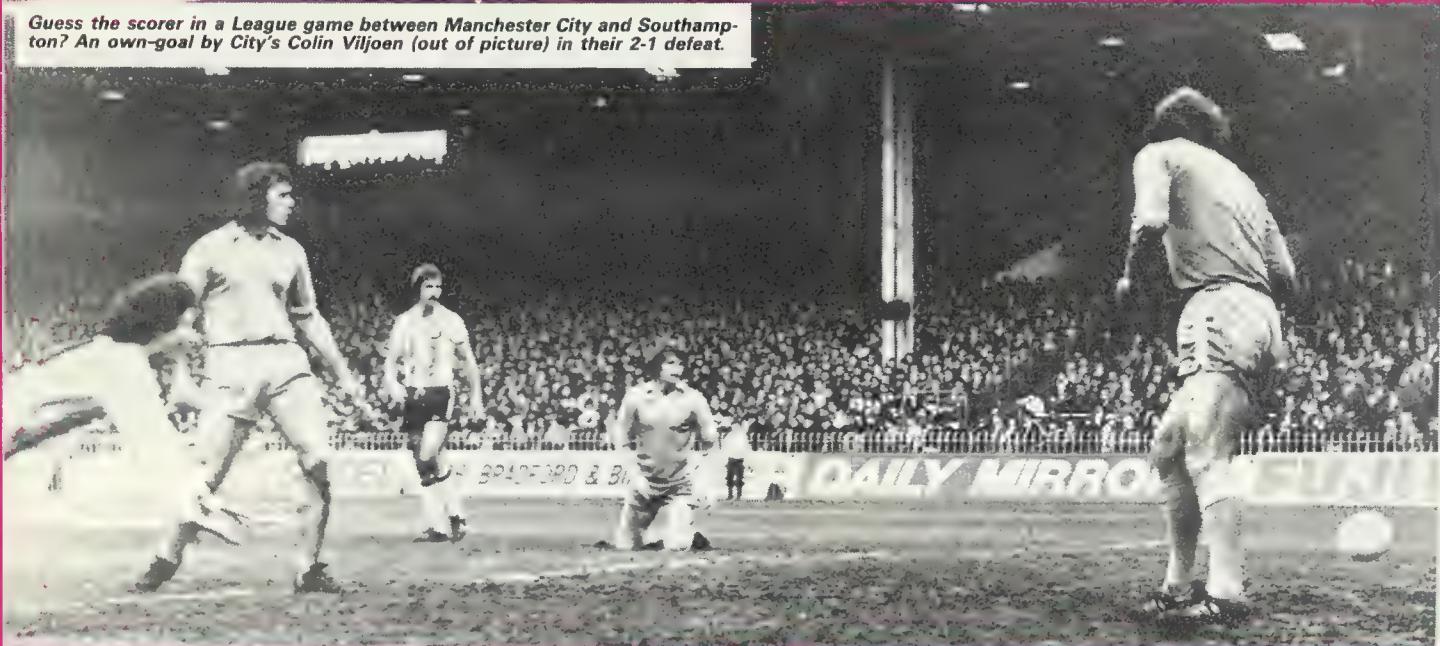
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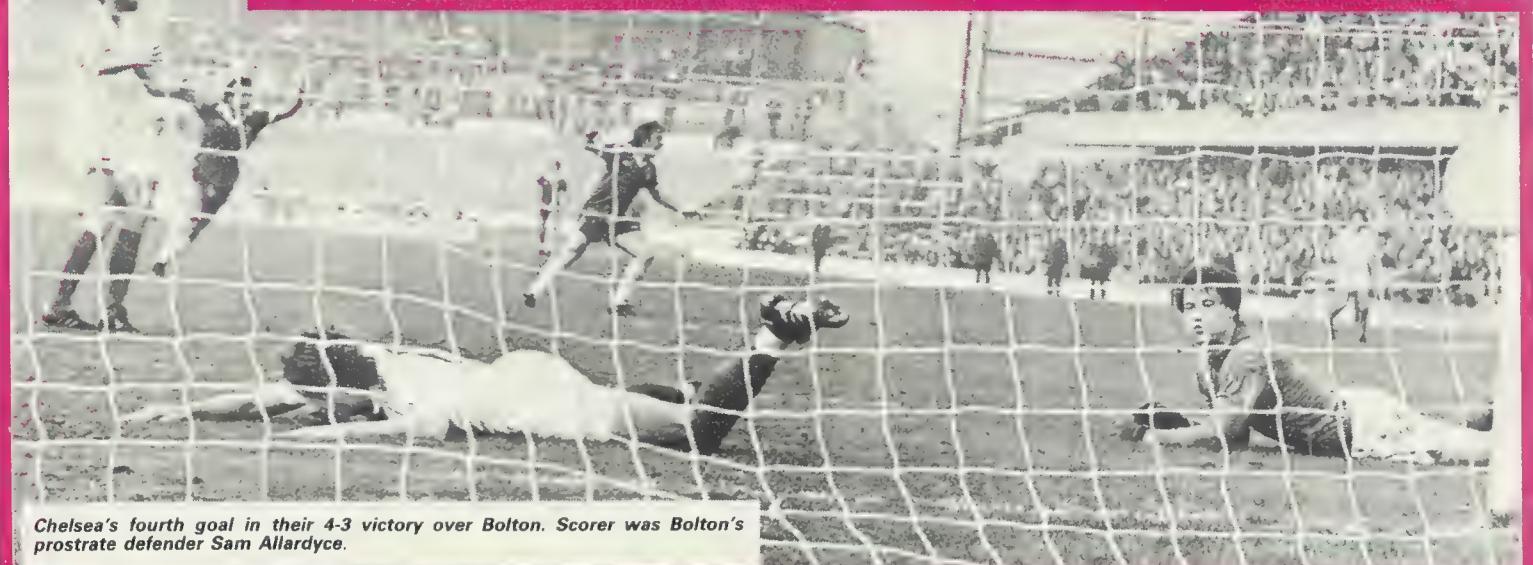
Guess the scorer in a League game between Manchester City and Southampton? An own-goal by City's Colin Viljoen (out of picture) in their 2-1 defeat.



IN THE WRONG NET...



A goal for Tottenham's defender Don McAllister against Birmingham? Wrong. An own-goal by Birmingham's number eight Alan Ainscow.



Chelsea's fourth goal in their 4-3 victory over Bolton. Scorer was Bolton's prostrate defender Sam Allardyce.



DON McALLISTER
Spurs

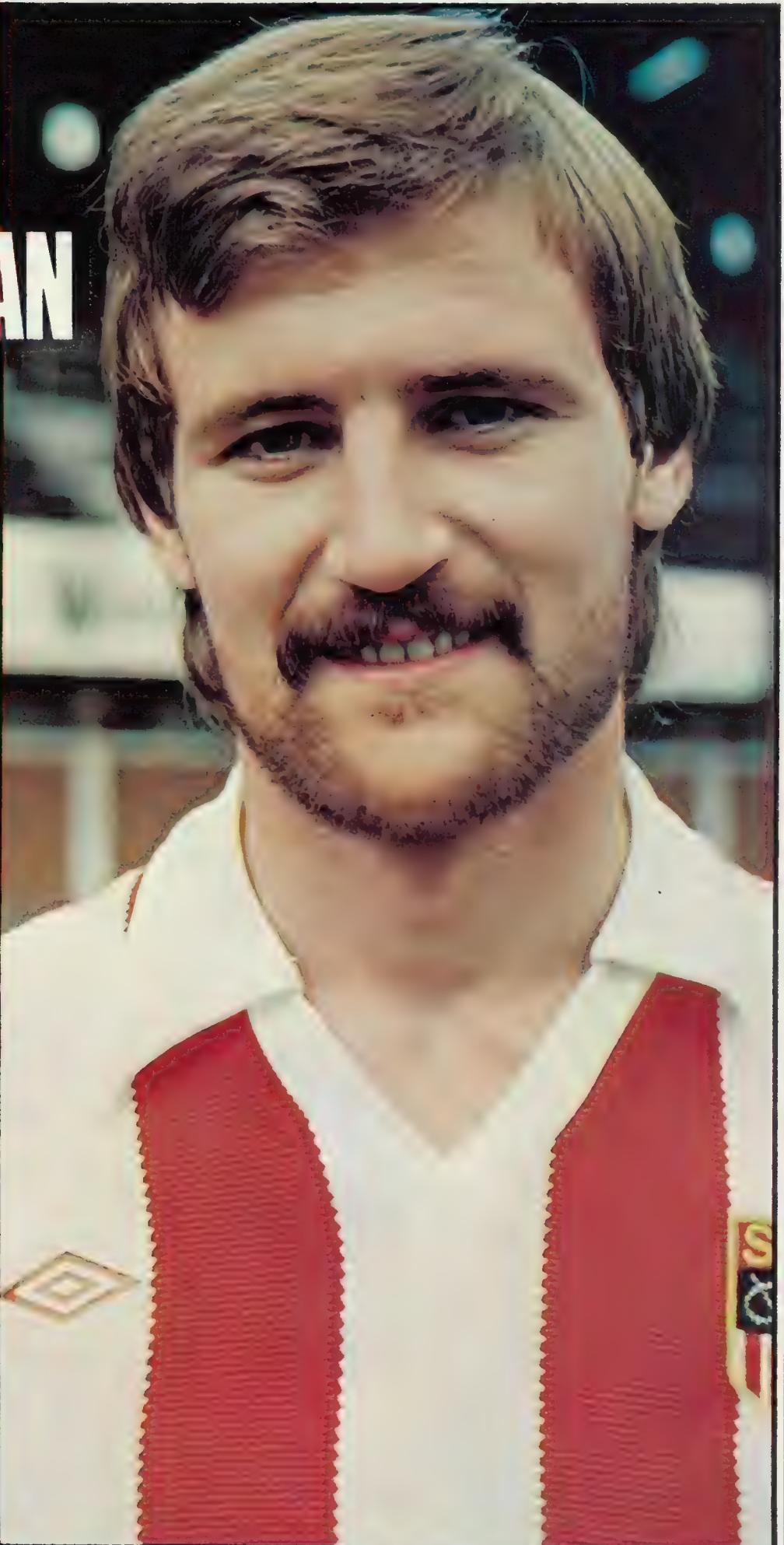
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FOCUS ON BRENDAN O'CALLAGHAN

Stoke City

FULL NAME: Brendan Richard O'Callaghan
BIRTHPLACE: Bradford
BIRTHDATE: 23rd July, 1955
HEIGHT: 6ft 3ins
WEIGHT: 13st 10lbs
PREVIOUS CLUB: Doncaster Rovers
MARRIED: Yes, to Janice
CHILDREN: One little daughter, Clare
CAR: Allegro 1500
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Arsenal's Liam Brady
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Bradford City
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Small, nippy centre-halves
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Drawing at Anfield against Liverpool in 1974 for Doncaster in the F.A. Cup
BIGGEST THRILL: Scoring with my first touch as substitute on debut for Stoke City
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not playing yet in a promotion-winning side
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Ireland
FAVOURITE FOOD: Roast beef
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Good books and films
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking and cruelty to animals
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Secret Army and M*A*S*H
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Gerry Rafferty and Neil Diamond
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Leonard Rossiter and Candice Bergen
BEST FRIEND: I have many good friends
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: I've learned a tremendous amount from all managers I've played under
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Waiting for kick-off
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Brendan
O'Callaghan



IT is said to be the worst job in football. Few players are happy to do it. Fewer still are prepared to do it for any length of time before putting in a transfer request. Yet managers consider it to be one of the most important roles in the game. Here, four star League attackers give their verdict on the job of subbing.

COME ON

'You only get the call in a crisis'

STEVE HEIGHWAY

STEVE Heighway reckons that going on as a substitute causes more physical strain than playing from the start.

Liverpool's Republic of Ireland star says: "I have great difficulty breathing when I go on as sub. You've been sitting down for most of the match and your lungs just aren't prepared for it."

"It's always very difficult to adjust. One moment you're viewing the game as a spectator, the next, you're up and on. You have to shake yourself up to make your body accept that fact."

"The game has already got a pace and the problem for you is to slot into the rhythm. If you're on from the start, you can develop the same pace as everyone else."

"You might think there's an advantage of freshness for a sub-

stitute. But I don't believe it's really so unless the other team are absolutely shattered."

In fact, Heighway thinks the odds are always stacked heavily against the player wearing the number 12 shirt.

"You can't win. If the team is doing well, you're not likely to get on. So you only get the call in a crisis situation."

"Even then, you only normally play for about 15-20 minutes. That's not long to get into the game and try to do something to alter it."

"You can't even relax during the time you're sitting on the bench. You've got to be mentally prepared to come on at any time."

"Being a sub is the hardest job of the lot. I'm only glad I haven't had to do it that often."



Steve Heighway leaves two Ipswich players struggling as he takes the ball away during a League clash this season.



Frank Worthington (dark shirt) is robbed by Derby County defender Vic Moreland.

'Revie gave me a joke five minutes'

FRANK WORTHINGTON

FRANK Worthington will always remember his full England international debut as a substitute five years ago.

The Bolton striker, who was with Leicester at the time, says: "I came on against Northern Ireland and helped change the whole pattern of the game."

"I was brought on five minutes into the second-half, which gives you a fairly good chance of establishing yourself. I got going pretty quickly and ended up making the winning goal for Keith Weller."

"That was a very enjoyable brief appearance. But sometimes, you don't get on the field until really late on, and it's useless."

"Don Revie brought me on against Portugal the following year with just five minutes left. That's a joke — what chance have you got?"

"Even then, I almost made something of it. I set up a chance for Mike Channon, but unfortunately he screwed the ball wide."

"I suppose even coming on in the 85th minute is better than not getting on at all. I was sub under Sir Alf Ramsey a few times, without being asked to play. That was really frustrating."

"All the time I'm sitting on that bench, I'm thinking 'When am I going to get on?' I find myself half-hoping someone will play badly, or get a knock."

"Obviously, you don't want to see a team-mate badly injured. But if they're truthful, I would think most players have the same thought when they're substitute."

"I don't think you've any fitness advantage as a number 12. In fact, it takes 15-20 minutes to warm up and get your second wind."

NUMBER TWELVE!

'Almost a Match of the Day sensation'

PETER WARD

PETER Ward, promotion chasing Brighton's regular sub this season, feels more tired after a game as substitute than when he has played a full 90 minutes.

The Brighton forward says: "That may sound silly, but when you're substitute, you try to put everything you've got into the short time you are given on the field."

"You're no fresher than anyone else. Sitting on the bench for a long time makes you stiff and after your first run, you're exhausted."

"You need at least a couple of runs to warm up and feel a part of the game. And even then, it's not easy."

"If the side's doing well, it's not so bad. But you often go on when the team is struggling and as a forward, there's extra pressure on you to turn the game."

It doesn't always work. Ward

went on this season against Sunderland, with Brighton level at 1-1 and looking for the winner. But they lost 2-1.

Ward, though, has had some good performances in the number 12 shirt this season, even though he'd rather be on from the start.

He almost made a sensational start against Stoke in a game recorded for Match Of The Day. "I was a fraction from scoring the winner with my first touch."

"I played well as a substitute against Leicester, too. I went on with us 2-1 ahead, which is a nice position. It eases the pressure a bit."

"Anyway, we held that fairly comfortably and then I hit a third near the end to sew up the points."

"I think that gave me as much satisfaction as any goal I've scored this season. It's great to get off the bench and knock one in."



Brighton's Peter Ward evades a tackle from Fulham's Richard Money.



Glenn Hoddle, now back in his favourite midfield position.

'When I'm happy on the bench'

GLENN HODDLE

GLENN Hoddle did his Spurs team-mates a great favour when he came on as substitute against Coventry earlier in the season.

But although he wasn't to know it at the time, his great performance as emergency striker was to cause him a lot of heartache.

Hoddle, brought on with 25 minutes to go, scored a cracking goal that looked like being the winner until Coventry City hit back in the dying seconds and forced an equaliser.

Manager Keith Burkinshaw was so impressed with Hoddle's performance that he kept him on as a forward — and almost caused the England Under-21 star to leave the club.

Hoddle, now back in his favourite midfield position, says: "When you come on as a sub, the best

thing to tell yourself is you have nothing to prove."

"If you try too hard to show the manager that you should have been playing from the beginning, things don't always go right."

"If the team are winning and you have to replace someone who is injured, there's more pressure. But if your side is behind, you've really got nothing to lose."

"I'm quite happy just to sit on the bench and watch if the lads are doing well. But when they're struggling, I'm itching to get on."

"Your fitness can be an advantage if it's obvious that a lot of the other players are very tired."

"But if it's a very cold day and you've been sitting down for 70 minutes, it's not too pleasant. It can take you 15-20 minutes to warm up — and by then, the game is over."

The manager who doesn't care when his team lose

WHEN a back injury forced John Cartwright (right, with England youth team) to quit top class football at the tender age of 22 it did not upset him too much.

In fact he was so disillusioned at the way things were going he was quite happy to turn his back on the game he loved.

That was 16 years ago. But Cartwright's passion for the game never diminished — and now he is back in it, getting things done the way he feels is right.

Cartwright has spent the last few years working at the grass roots of the game — with youth players.

He steered the Crystal Palace side to two successive F.A. Youth Cup triumphs and developed lads like Kenny Sansom, Vince Hilaire, Billy Gilbert, Peter Nicholas, Ian Walsh and Terry Fenwick.

Now Cartwright — a likeable 38-year-old East Londoner — has an international platform to display his coaching talents.

He took over as a caretaker boss of the England youth squad when Ken Burton quit last October following a personality clash with Brian Clough.

But Cartwright made such a big impression in a few short months the appointment could be made permanent. The F.A. meet to discuss this on April 30th.

Ron Greenwood was behind the selection of Cartwright — a man

who is obsessed with players being taught skills from an early age.

While many clubs want to turn out youth sides of young "Tarzans" who might also be able to play a bit, Cartwright insists on drumming skills into the kids in his charge.

In fact there is no weight-lifting equipment at Selhurst Park to tempt any of the youngsters to try a stint of body-building.

He explains: "When I joined West Ham straight from school running came easily to me and I was very quick and agile.

"But West Ham put me through an intensive course of weight training that made me a bit muscle bound.

"I vowed there and then that if I was ever in charge of any teams I would not allow them to work with weights."

Cartwright — who played for Palace, Wimbledon and Bath as well as The Hammers — took a pub in London's Bethnal Green when he packed up playing.

He was tempted back into the game by Malcolm Allison.

"He asked me to go and run the youth set-up at Palace — and he



gave me a free hand to do it my way.

"Terry Venables has been the same since he became manager. If I need any help or advice he will readily give it.

"They have never been concerned with winning trophies — only in seeing youngsters brought up the right way.

"The game is about people — not trophies. I have feared for the way football in this country is going and if I can do something about putting things right I feel I will have contributed something.

"Most of the young players I

come across seem gripped by fear. They are frightened of losing — frightened of making mistakes.

"People playing for me have no need to worry like that. I don't care how many games my lads lose, how many mistakes they make.

"As long as they keep listening, learning and trying to make themselves better players I can put up with watching them get beaten."

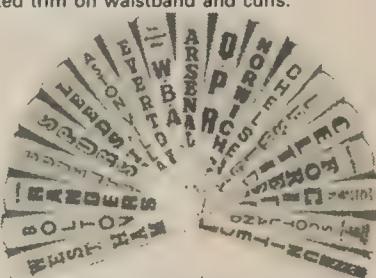
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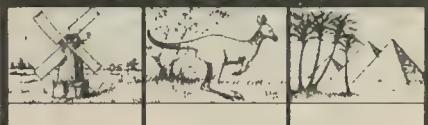
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'I'm sick of lies about, Argentina'

Tartan Talk **DEREK JOHNSTONE**

SOCCER and controversy go hand in hand. There is always someone ready to say something ridiculous, there is always a "true" story going around that makes no sense whatsoever.

Unfortunately, I got caught up in a controversial incident when Rangers won the League Cup this season and Aberdeen centre-back Doug Rougvie was ordered off.

There is absolutely no way I'm going to get involved in a slanging match. For a start, I'm not allowed to! I'm not going to bring this great game into disrepute.

I'm amazed, though, at the amount of stories that go around from people "in the know". Football is that type of game. There is always someone who wants to know the "secrets" of so and so.

You know the type of person I mean. He always seems to have inside information and he is not slow to pass on the latest gen to anyone who can be bothered listening. Most of this so-called "inside information" is a lot of nonsense and goodness knows where it comes from.

I suppose someone is trying to act big or in-the-know in front of their mates, but, really, it is very harmful to a player when a story is "invented" about them.

It takes a lot to get me annoyed. I think I'm fairly easy going by nature. I don't look for

trouble, but some of the stories I have heard about myself have just about brought on a heart attack!

Look at all that rubbish about the Scottish team out in Argentina last year. Unfortunately there was the Willie Johnston drugs drama that led to him being sent home by the SFA, but, and I can assure you, there was just no way everyone was going around popping pills and the like.

Yet, there are still stories circulating about what such and such a player did and who did what to whom. It's frustrating, honestly. I'm still asked what REALLY went on in Argentina. It's annoying, to be honest.

No, we weren't all drinking day after day. No, we weren't all gambling at casinos. No, we weren't all dancing the night away at discos. No, we were not bothering to turn up for training.

I'm sorry for opening up old wounds, but I hope this closes the Argentinian File forever. I will say Scottish fans, wearing Scotland international jerseys, were signing autographs for the locals who thought they were players.

I wonder how many Argentinians have got the signature "Derek Johnstone" that matches with the authentic one at the foot of this column!

The fans were obviously out to enjoy themselves, but it wouldn't make a great impression on the South Americans if someone signed "Derek Johnstone" or "Bruce Rioch" or anyone else for that matter in their book and then staggered off for another drink.

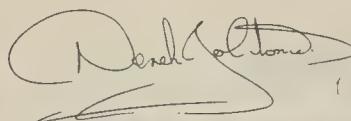
What I'm trying to say is it is a shame so much has been said after our League Cup Final victory. It might take the gloss from our victory in some eyes.

Like I said earlier, I am not allowed to comment, but I will say I think we deserved to win the trophy. Aberdeen played very well at Hampden and left us with a mountain to climb when Duncan Davidson opened the scoring, but I think we provided the answers when we came roaring back.

It might have been easy for us to let our heads drop, to let our spirits sag. But that's not our style. Rangers play the full 90 minutes and we went straight back at them.

Alex MacDonald equalised and then Colin Jackson headed in the winner in the last minute. We retained the trophy and everyone at Ibrox was delighted to give John Greig his first Cup as Rangers' manager.

He deserved it . . . I hope no one forgets that amid all the controversy that has been thrown up. Unfortunately, wherever football is played there will always be controversy . . . it's part and parcel of the game these days.



TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK

Elation at the airport before flying to Argentina. But the smiles of Derek Johnstone (left), Alan Rough (centre), and Tom Forsyth were to turn to tears.





St. Mirren full-back Iain Munro. 'Rarely gets the praise he deserves'

PAUL HEGARTY, of Dundee United, was Scotland's star of stars ... the Players' Player of the Year. Who did he vote for, though?

"I went for St. Mirren full-back Iain Munro," says the Tannadice defender. "His professionalism has always impressed me."

"He is a good player in a position where it is sometimes easy just to heave the ball out of play. Iain likes to play football and come forward in support of his team-mates."

Quiet man Munro also got Aberdeen striker Joe Harper's vote. The Pittodrie sharpshooter, who was a team-mate of Munro when they were both with Hibs, says: "He has got so much natural ability it's just not true."

"He could probably be a success in any role. It's difficult to find a weakness in his play."

"I've got to admit I was more than just a shade surprised when he was allowed to leave Rangers last year for something in the region of £25,000."

"For some strange reason he could never hold down a regular

PLAYERS WHO

WE'VE often heard the expression "He's a players' player" and to the star on the receiving end of that remark it is the highest accolade he can get from his fellow professionals.

Like it or not, a lot of players do NOT believe in the power of the Press. Some will tell you that the players' verdict on a match is often different from that in the Press box.

This week SHOOT talks to some of Scotland's top stars to discover the men they voted for in a recent poll to find their best Premier Division player.

first team place at Ibrox. He moved to left-back and there was a lot of talk about him being groomed to take over from John Greig.

"However, things didn't work out that way, of course. He was sold to St. Mirren before John retired at the end of last season to become manager.

"I know our boss at Pittodrie, Alex Ferguson, thinks a lot of Munro. He should ... he bought him for The Saints when he was their manager.

"Jim Clunie inherited a good team when he took over and a player like Iain Munro is the sort of man any team would be proud to possess."

"Yes, I reckon he was well worthy of my vote. He had plenty of challengers, but, at the end of the day, it had to be Munro for me."

Munro picked up a lot of votes among his fellow professionals and so, too, did Rangers' midfield dynamo Alex MacDonald.

Partick Thistle's highly talented winger Bobby Houston admits Celtic were his boyhood idols, but he overlooked the present Parkhead staff to cast his vote in favour of MacDonald, of deadly rivals Rangers.

"I think he's had a tremendous season," says Houston. "What a player to have in your team. He just never stops running."

"He pops up at the back, battles



Dundee Utd. defender David Narey. 'Doesn't hide when the pressure is on'

in midfield and still finds the time to come surging into attack to score vital goals.

"Look at this season, for a start. Rangers were 1-0 down to Juventus in the First Round of the European Cup when the team which contained many of Italy's World Cup squad came to Ibrox for the second-leg.

"Rangers desperately needed that equalising goal and the man who provided it was MacDonald. The Juventus defence must have been startled when he arrived from nowhere to head in from only six yards. The Ibrox men got through 2-1 on aggregate, Smith hitting the winner."

"Rangers met Holland's PSV Eindhoven in the Second Round and the first-leg at Ibrox ended 0-0. They got off to the worst possible start in the second-leg when the Dutch Champions scored in the first minute.

"I saw that game on the television and again I was impressed by the mighty display by MacDonald. He organised the midfield, calmed things down ... and still had time to launch himself at a cunning crossball from Tommy McLean to head in the equaliser."

The Fighter



**Tommy Gemmell
Dundee manager**

TO MMY Gemmell has a face that is used to laughing. He is known as the "Danny Kaye" of Scottish soccer, but he wasn't smiling after the recent match against Dumbarton at Boghead.

And no wonder! The ambitious Dundee manager had just watched his side take an early lead through top scorer Billy Pirie and still go down 3-2.

The frustration showed as he said: "What a result! I thought their winning goal was offside. It could mean a lot to us at the end of the season, that decision."

"There seems to be some sort of jinx on us at Boghead. We faltered here last season, too."

Dundee are termed the Premier Division club who are getting things together in the First Divi-

sion, but this is their third attempt to climb back into the Top Ten and Gemmell says: "This is a helluva League to get out of."

Soccer purists and neutrals hope that Dundee get their reward and are promoted this season. They have come so desperately close in recent terms.

It's easy to have sympathy with Gemmell. He has created a "new" Dundee. He has bought and sold wisely and worked tirelessly in an effort to find the winning blend.

Gemmell was never known as a quitter during his glory days with Celtic. He was a fighter, a battler, a player who refused to give in.

He has taken those same qualities into the hot seat at Dens Park, but, for some weird reason or another, his team seem to slip just when it looks as though they have got things under control.

Last season, for instance, they dropped a vital point against Morton at Dens Park and a few weeks'

later when it was certain Morton and Hearts would be promoted, the Dens Park side went to Capelaw and beat the new First Division Champions 3-2.

"When we are on form we can be very good," says Gemmell.

"We beat St. Mirren 4-1 in the Cup at Dens Park and everyone was talking about our performance that day. Yes, we were good, but consistency is the most important thing."

"People thought I was kidding when I said I wasn't interested in beating Rangers in the Cup Quarter-Finals. Obviously it would have been nice, but I meant what I said at the time."

"Promotion is the most vital issue at stake for us at the moment."

Dundee lost that Ibrox Cup match 6-3. They fought well, but go no reward. Gemmell must be hoping that it's not an omen for the future. So do we.

IMPRESS PLAYERS



Paul Hegarty (dark shorts) outjumps Alex O'Hara of Partick Thistle.

"It's history now that Rangers won 3-2... the first time PSV had been beaten on their own ground in a European tie. It was an exceptional result and it was an exceptional performance from MacDonald."

This term has been one of torture and torment for Motherwell while MacDonald's Rangers,

Hegarty's Dundee United and Munro's St. Mirren have fought it out for the Premier Division title.

However, Fir Park sharpshooter Willie Pettigrew still had time to forget about the growing crisis and the thoughts of relegation to give his vote to one of Scotland's best youngsters... Dundee

Dundee Utd. defender Paul Hegarty. Deserves the honour he's been awarded'

United's so-smooth David Narey. "The Tannadice player is a brilliant defender and organiser," says Pettigrew. "You won't see him getting flustered. He plays it cool... thinks about the game and reads it very well."

"It's a fair old partnership, Hegarty and Narey. They are a perfectly balanced twosome."

"Narey got my vote just ahead of Paul because I think he uses the ball that bit better and is more adventurous."

"He is the sort of player who is given a defensive role, but isn't afraid to come up with the forwards playing with the artistry you might normally associate with a midfield player."

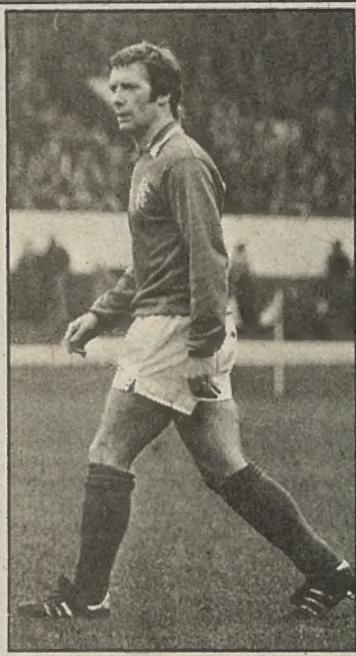
"He has some delicate touches, but there is iron in his play, too. He tackles like a tiger."

"Narey is only a youngster, but he accepts responsibility and doesn't hide when the pressure is on. That is the sign of a player who has confidence in his own ability, a player you can rely upon."

"Dundee United have been the coming team for a year or so, but they have arrived now. Jim McLean has some of the best young players at his disposal and, in my book, David Narey is the best of a great bunch."

Hegarty, Narey, MacDonald, Munro and Morton's Andy Ritchie were the men in the running for the top prize, but who got the vote of last year's choice Derek Johnstone, the Rangers skipper and SHOOT columnist?

"I picked a winner for a change,"



Rangers midfield man Alex MacDonald. Never stops running'

jokes Johnstone. "My vote went to Paul Hegarty."

"His ability in the air is breathtaking. When I face him I know I'm in for a most difficult 90 minutes."

"Hegarty is never far away from you when you play against him. You have to think all the time in an effort to get away from his marking. Yes, I'm glad he got the honour. He's a tremendous professional... a real credit to the game!"



The Survivor Albert Henderson Arbroath manager

THE most successful run since Agatha Christie's Mousetrap... that's the managerial career of Arbroath's Albert Henderson.

Axes have been sharpened, knives have been prepared, the guns have been loaded, but, after 17 years, Henderson is still firmly in charge.

Henderson has become a fixture at Gayfield. However, it looked as though this would be the season when he would eventually be axed.

Arbroath were struggling in the First Division and even one season in the Second didn't appeal to anyone connected with the club. Henderson remained tight-lipped,

got on with the job and must have winced every now and again when he saw the managers of fellow relegation strugglers parting company with their clubs St. Johnstone and Montrose.

Yet, Arbroath somehow wouldn't seem right without Henderson at the helm. They are a happy club, economically sound and well organised, as others will testify.

Former Rangers star Davie Smith, now the player-manager of Berwick Rangers, for instance.

Why did he leave Ibrox for a much smaller club? "I'd heard so much about Arbroath being a friendly club who treated their

players well. I was happy to go and enjoyed my spell there," he says.

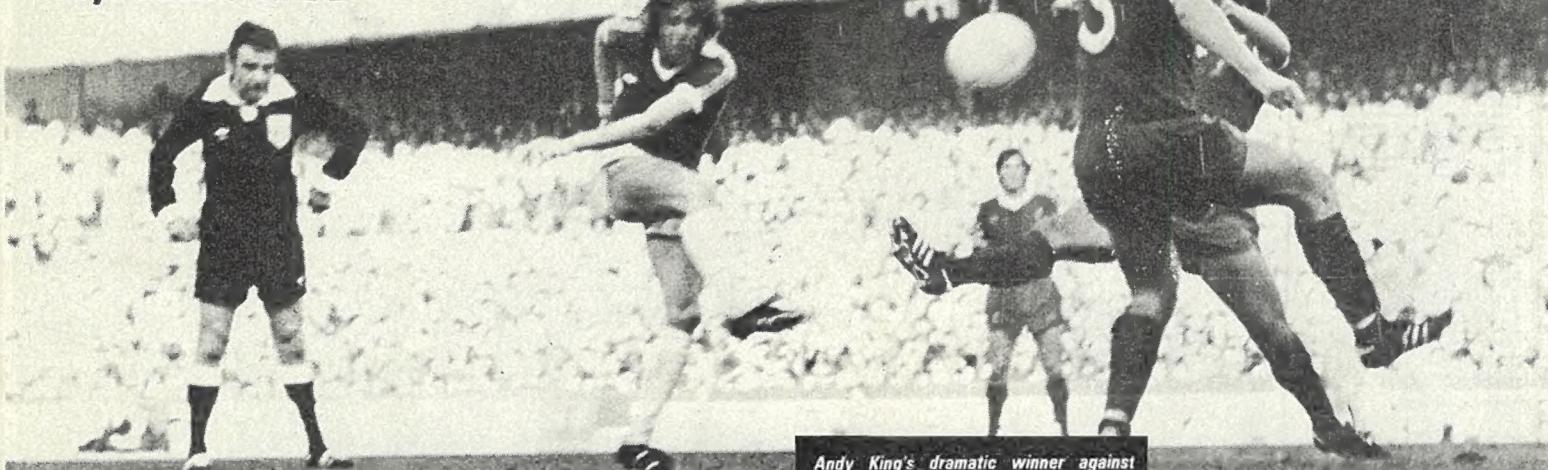
Former international striker Jimmy Bone sampled top class soccer North and South of the border before leaving Celtic for Arbroath. "It was fun at Gayfield," he says. "The atmosphere was great."

Bone, however, was persuaded to return to the pressures of the big time when St. Mirren paid out £30,000 for him last season, but he says: "Arbroath really helped me a lot."

Arbroath, then, are a club of warmth and no little charm. There have been some rocky roads behind them and Henderson's job has been reported to be in danger, but the manager and the team have always managed to pull through.

'Everton' must try harder'

says ANDY KING



ANDY King is certain to finish the season with his best goal-scoring record since he arrived at Everton three and a half seasons ago.

But for his club, it's been another disappointing season in the shadows of Merseyside rivals Liverpool.

He says: "We started off so well this season and early on, we were one of the favourites for the title. But we've really blown it over the past couple of months and allowed Liverpool to go above us again.

"People say we should be happy if the title comes to Merseyside because it's good for the city. I don't mind them winning it, but they've had it all their own way for a long time now.

"Naturally, it makes life a lot harder for us at Goodison when they keep winning trophies, and we can't even get one."

Of all the goals King has scored this season, none has given him more pleasure than the one he put

in the Liverpool net last October. It was the only goal of the derby game and gave Everton their first win over their Merseyside rivals for seven years.

He says: "That has to be the highlight of the season. But I'd swap that goal for a medal. We feel that if we can just win one trophy — no matter what it is — we could get among them every year like Liverpool.

"The frustrating thing is that we've come so close these past two seasons. Last season, Liverpool pipped us for second place and now we look as though we're going to finish in the top three again."

King often pops across to Anfield to see Liverpool in mid-week games. And he can't help but admire them.

"When you break them down individually, you can think of a lot of other players you could put in who are better than those they've got. But there's something about

Andy King's dramatic winner against Liverpool at Goodison last October.



them as a team. They function so well as a unit.

"We seem to have things the other way round. Player for player, we look as good as any side in the country on paper. But we haven't managed to click so well as a team.

"Our manager Gordon Lee has complained about some of the pitches we've played on this season and he's right. We've had to turn out on some terrible surfaces.

"But if you want to win the Championship, you've got to overcome things like that. So it makes you wonder if we're lacking something somewhere."

King accepts that the title is as good as on its way to Liverpool again.

But he's determined that Everton will floor them before long. "We're just going to have to try that little bit harder. Next season, maybe it will be our turn to pick up the Championship."

B LACKPOOL'S striker Tony Kellow is delighted with the £125,000 transfer that took him from Exeter to the North-West last November.

"But having said that, I would have liked to have gone to a higher Division, because I've tremendous belief in my ability.

"In this game you've got to be self confident and approach it with a positive attitude, otherwise you get nowhere. Whenever I take the field I do so with one thought in mind, and that is to score goals. I like to play well, but that's of secondary importance. I'm happiest when I've grabbed a couple."

And it was the two goals that Kellow scored for Exeter against Blackpool in October that finally took the 26-year-old Budock born forward to Bloomfield road.

"They were struggling for a goalscorer at the time," recalls Tony. "The boss, Bob Stokoe, had seen me a few times and he'd also heard good reports about me. Exeter didn't want me to leave and they'd already turned down a firm cash offer from Fulham. There was plenty of speculation, but Blackpool were the first club to come in

didn't take much time to think the move over.

"I don't think the club will be in the Third Division very long. It's a very professional outfit. Everything's geared for success."

Kellow's chance of League football didn't arrive until he was plucked out of the Western League by John Newman at the age of 24.

"It was just one of those things," says Tony. "Cornwall is a bit of a backwood and it's so easy to overlook people from that area. I was scoring 60 goals a season with Falmouth Town and before that, Penzance. I made my debut against Hartlepool at the beginning of the 76/77 campaign. It was the opening game and I scored twice. In a little over two years I notched 50 in my time at Exeter.

"I'm either a target man or a goalscorer. I've always scored goals and I'm a firm believer that if you've got the ability, then you'll score the goals. It doesn't matter which Division you are in provided you've got the right service."

"At Blackpool I've been forging a good understanding with fellow striker, Derek Spence. Then he was suspended and Garry Jones, who

came from Bolton, took over. There's going to be heated competition for places now, which can only be a good thing. The manager can slot in Brian Wilson or Jeff Chandler, so you've got to be on your mettle.

"The fans at Bloomfield Road seem to have taken to me and they sing a few songs.

"Morale is obviously a little low. It's been a bad year for Blackpool with relegation, and things seem to have escalated from there. The injury list has been never ending and there are a lot of players playing far below their potential. I think this is due to loss of confidence, but a couple of good wins should soon alter all that."

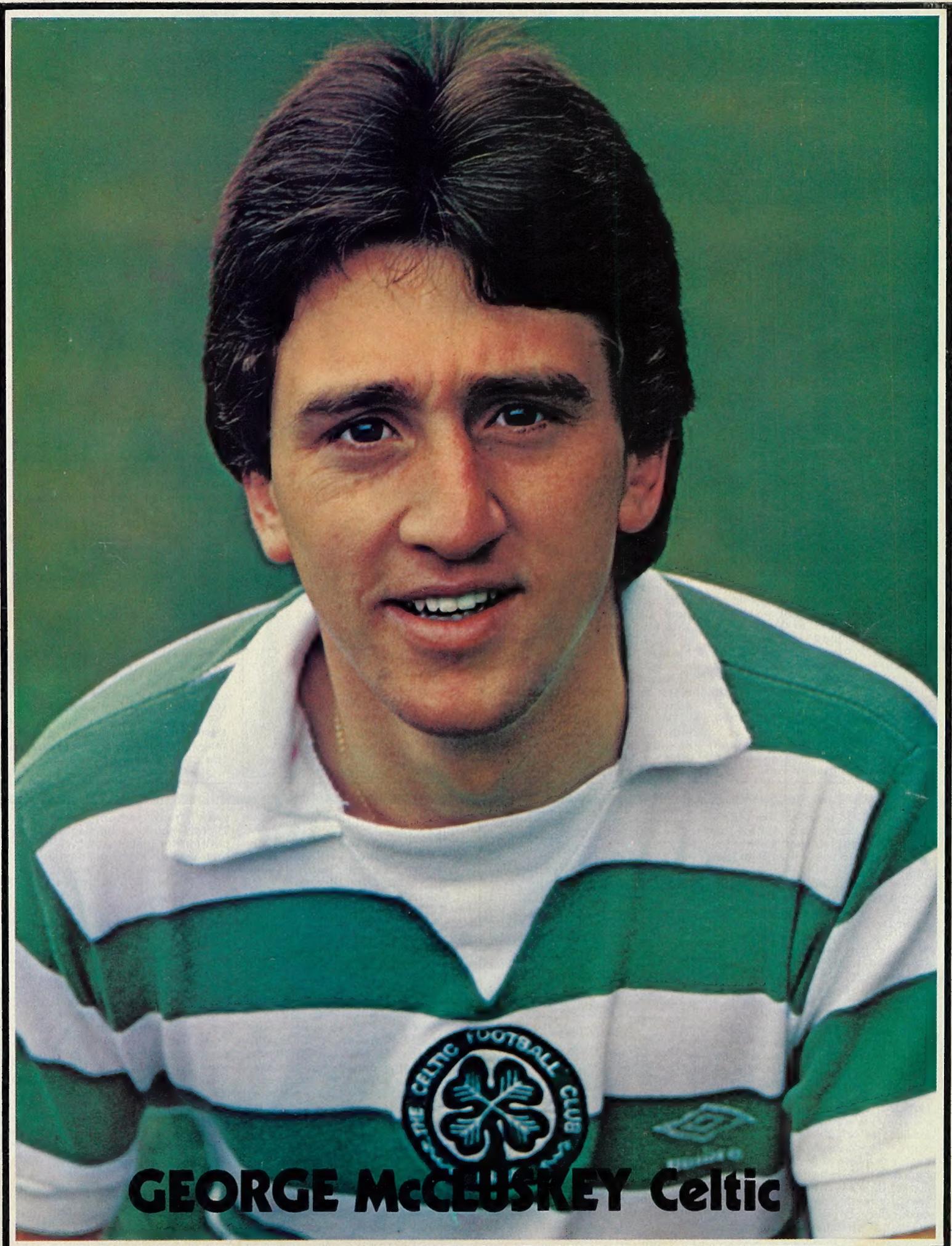
"My immediate aim is to kill two birds with one stone — promotion with Blackpool and a better standard of football. But my main ambition is to play in the First Division and no doubt I will at some time. As I've already said, I've got belief in my ability."

"I think the people of Blackpool have been quietly and pleasantly surprised. As a parting shot, remember the name Tony Kellow — you'll see it in lights one day."



Blackpool's
TONY KELLOW
hopes to put his name
up in lights

with anything like the money Exeter wanted. The decision was left to me and with a club with the potential of Blackpool, then it



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